THE WEATHER

The indications are that it will be cloudy, probably light snow, tonight. Tuesday, fair; warmer tonight; fresh south to southwest winds.

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FIRED TWO SHOTS

Drunken Man Was in Angry Mood

Smashed Doors and Furniture and Threatened to Kill His Wife

Telesphore Frechette went to his home in Hall street Sunday morning in a drunken rage, broke in the door, smashed furniture, took a bulldog revolver from a trunk and fired two shots.

His wife told Judge Hadley that she did not believe her husband fired the two shots at her, but it was the opinion of the police who arrested Frechette that he intended to shoot his wife and that another tragedy was narrowly averted.

Mrs. Frechette told the court that in the midst of his frenzy Sunday morning her husband swore at her and told her her end was near.

When asked to explain, Frechette said he took the revolver from the trunk to see if it was in working order.

He declared he did not mean to do his wife any harm.

He was ordered to pay a fine of $5 for drunkenness and Judge Hadley ordered him to recognize in $100 to keep the peace for one year.

In referring to the case Judge Hadley expressed the hope that the legislature would do something to prevent the indiscriminate sale of revolvers and the carrying of such weapons by irresponsible persons. He thought the legislature should recognize public sentiment in the matter and he hoped the newspapers would agitate the question.

TOOK EXCEPTIONS

Drunken Man Contradicted a Minister

REMOVED FROM CHURCH TO POLICE STATION

Two Brothers Charged With Larceny

The minister was preaching when Maurice Connors with a heavy load of beer and a smattering of the bible entered the church Sunday morning. Maurice took exceptions to a statement by the minister. Word was sent to the police station and the patrol wagon was sent to the church. Maurice was loaded into the wagon by Officers John J. Crowley and Grinnell. On the way to the police station Maurice told the wagon officer that the minister said something he didn't like.

"What did he say?" inquired the officer.

"The minister said," replied Maurice, "that the Lord worked all his life.

"I knew the Lord made the earth in six days and rested on the seventh, and I told him so."

In police court today Maurice was charged with drunkenness and was fined $6. He was not charged with disturbing a meeting.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Ezra and William Lizotte were arrested by Inspector Lallamme, Saturday night, charged with the larceny of an overcoat, the property of Joseph Boisvert, 94 John street. The Lizotte brothers pleaded not guilty and the case was continued to Wednesday. They were ordered in $200 each for their appearance before the court on that day. The police recovered another overcoat this forenoon which they believe was taken by the two brothers.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Peter Labelle and Mary Goyette were charged with fornication and pleaded not guilty. Peter said he found Mary in his room when he went home from work and Mary said that Peter met her in the mill and asked her to go to his room. She was sentenced to three months in jail and he was ordered to pay a fine of $20. Peter had the price with him and two crisp $10 bills were passed over to the collecting officer.

THE DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

George Wigley pleaded not guilty but the arresting officers said George was trying to wiggle his way along in Gorham street when arrested. George is well known to the court. He has been there a good many times but Judge Hadley was willing to overlook the many times because he knew George and his mother before him. His honor said nice words about George's mother and reminded George of the fact that he was a pretty, neat and bright boy when he, the judge, met him. George allowed that the court knew what he was talking about and if allowed to go, he said, he would like to Nashua and drink no more. He was allowed to go.

Coleman McGrath was sentenced to three months in jail; Jeremiah Kelliher, Edward W. Collins, Patrick Hoolihan, Charles E. Cahil and Frank Hallowood were fined $6 each. Philip Welch was fined $5. Five first offenders were fined $2 each and two were released.

MR. COPELAND

NOMINATION AS CEMETERY TRUSTEE MAY BE CONFIRMED.

The board of aldermen will meet in adjourned session Tuesday evening and the common council in regular session. Routine matters and the passage of the $17,000 loan will practically be the only business before the common council, while it is said that a strenuous effort will be made to take from the table and confirm the appointment of Charles Copeland as a cemetery trustee. Copeland's nomination has been resting quietly on the table for over a year and a half. It is possible but not probable that it will be taken up and confirmed.

CITY HALL NOTES

The committee on claims will meet in the public hearing room Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The committee on public lighting has been called to meet at city hall Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Two weeks from today Edwards Cheney steps down and out as private secretary, but he will not be long out of a job as he takes the oath and becomes a state senator on the following Wednesday.

Mayor Howe was at his office bright and early this morning and found awaiting him a number of callers, most of whom were applicants for work.

The office of the superintendent of streets was crowded this morning. Most, if not all who put in an appearance were in quest of work. Nothing doing was the sign hung out and they were told to "go up to the city barn and you may get a job there".

The politicians were out in force this morning and congregated about the public hearing room and talked over the surprises of the last city election.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE

WILL ELECT OFFICERS AT HIBERNIAN HALL JANUARY 8.

The United Irish league held a well attended meeting last evening and transacted considerable routine business. A fine musical program was carried out. Among those who took part were John Donelan and Miss Annie Shea. It was voted to hold the election of officers in Hibernian hall Sunday evening, Jan. 8, when a lively meeting is expected. Secretary O'Callaghan of Boston will address the league before the end of January.

DEATHS

SANDS—George J. Sands, aged 21 years and four months, died yesterday at the home of his father, 168 South street. He was a well known young man and worked at the Bigelow Carpet mill. He leaves to mourn his loss a father, six sisters and one brother.

McARDLE—Alfred L. McArdle, infant son of Alfred L. and Regina, died Saturday at the home of his parents in South Lowell.

PUDLO—Katarina, aged 27 years, wife of Wojtach Pudlo, died Saturday at her home, 96 Williams street.

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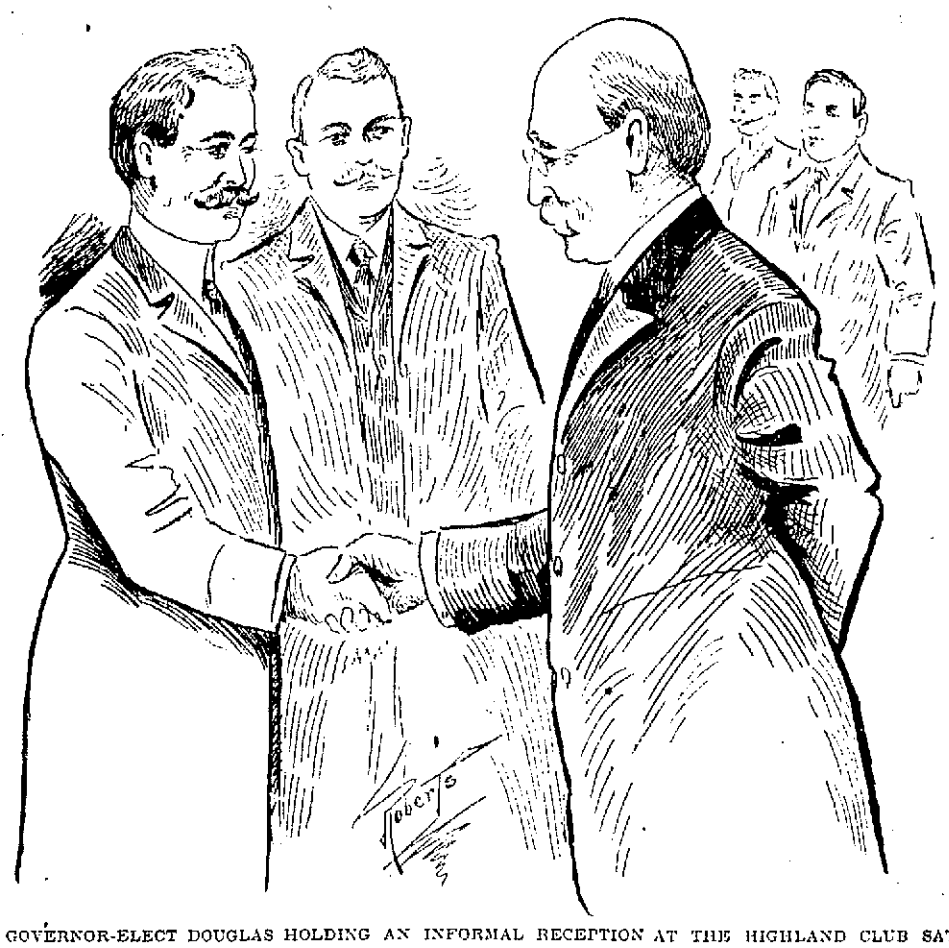

GOVERNOR-ELECT DOUGLAS HOLDING AN INFORMAL RECEPTION AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB SATURDAY EVENING.

GOVERNOR ELECT

William L. Douglas and Wife Entertained in Lowell

Guests of Rev. C. E. Fisher of the First Universalist Church—Reception at Highland Club

Governor-elect William L. Douglas paid his first visit to Lowell on Saturday. Accompanied by his wife he arrived here on the 5.38 train from Boston Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were the guests of Rev. C. E. Fisher, and immediately upon their arrival in this city they drove to the home of the clergyman in Pine street. The fact that the governor-elect and Mrs. Douglas would arrive in Lowell on that train had been mentioned in the newspapers and the result was a large crowd gathered at the depot to get a glimpse of the whole-souled, democratic governor. The remark, "He does not look like his pictures," was quite general, but it could not be said that his pictures flattered him.

It was the governor's first visit to Lowell since he was mentioned for the high office to which he was swept on the wave of popular sentiment. When the Young Mens' Democratic club held its banquet at the New American house during the campaign Mr. Douglas was unable to be present because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were very much pleased with Lowell. The governor-elect is familiar with the points of interest in the city of spindles and as thoroughly conversant with ways and workings of our industries as though he had lived here all his life. He expressed himself as being very much interested in the textile school and he was especially delighted with the hospitality of the people in general.

Saturday evening he visited the Highland club and was invited by President Wheeler and others to hold a reception in the parlor, but he declined because, he said, he preferred going from room to room in the ordinary way of the ordinary visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas attended the morning service at the First Universalist church and listened attentively to the words of the man whom Mr. Douglas assisted to the ministry, Rev. C. E. Fisher. A large audience was present. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were escorted to their seats by Mr. Daniel McKenzie, who remained with them during the services. There was an organ prelude by Mrs. Helen C. Taylor, selections by the quartet and the congregation sang "America."

Mr. Fisher found his inspiration in Matt. vi, 33: "But seek Ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto You." The preacher said in part:

"These words constitute the closing of the most wonderful sermon the world has ever heard—the 'Sermon on the Mount.' They contain a promise, based upon a condition laid down.

"The treasure laid up above is the eternal world which will remain forever. Christ told his followers not to be over-anxious about the future. Whatever comes to you in life is from God. This 'Sermon on the Mount' is a masterly discourse, yet it deals with the common things of life. If a man is seeking the kingdom of God it will enable him to enter the higher Christian life.

"Man should be recognized first as an agent of God. When one is given a command by a superior, he proceeds at once to perform the task appointed. So should we obey the commands of our Master. No cause in the world can be advanced until God's agents enter and obey His mandates. The text says: 'Seek righteousness,—that means living according to the moral law, as God has given it, in the person of Jesus Christ. A man who takes this into his heart, and assimilates it, knows something of the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

"Over against every defeat and sorrow in life lays the great law of righteousness, which will offset everything else in life. The reward of all true seekers was to have all things added. If you adhere strictly to the rule, Jesus, in moments of divine rapture simply because He loved men and had concern for them, could see the kingdom of Heaven.

"We pray 'Thy Kingdom Come.' Every church and reformer in the world is working for that end. The child, kneeling at his mother's knee says, 'If I should die before I wake I pray the Lord my soul to take.' Where does he expect to be taken? To his conception of Heaven.

"How shall we enter the kingdom of God? Simply by the way of love. Some men seem to have no love for their fellow-men; they are cold, heartless, loveless. These are outside the pale of the kingdom of God.

"A man will not get into the kingdom of God by living as though he had lost his all, and who goes about moping and anxious about everything?

"Good nature, sunshine, enjoying life are all doing much towards the bringing in the kingdom of God. We must have the spirit of a little child; he who has not that spirit seems to be farthest from the great throne, and from the path to Heaven.

"We advance towards the kingdom through a good, pure life. God gives us homes and the parental love of home and the friendships of life. There are times when a man's cup of happiness seems full. It is when there has been an expression of love bestowed upon him while everything is not equal in life, love is never fruitless. You perform an act of love today, you say it isn't appreciated, it may not be at once, but in time it will be appreciated. Every act of friendship binds us together, and no such acts are wasted.

"Every great man has a plan in life. The true plan and end of life is to do the will of Almighty God. The Book of Life has something which each one may appropriate to Himself. In it may be found just what fits into the life in times of sorrow, trial or temptation. It mattersnot what men may say about the Bible, it is that in it I find what helps me, so I believe in it.

"Why was not the curtain drawn at Bethlehem? Because men saw in human form the very life they were trying to live. Will all enter the kingdom of God? I say yes, because these friendships are eternal, immortal. Because I have loved and you have loved.

"God is calling and if the door of the house is open, He is there, and life becomes as sacred because it is the kingdom of God."

At the conclusion of the services Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, at the request of Rev. Mr. Fisher, stood near the platform and received the congregation. The distinguished couple paid special attention to the children. The reception was informal and at its conclusion they were driven to the pastor's home, and after spending a quiet social hour they returned to Boston, the return trip being made on the 3.55 train.

RECOUNT BEGUN

At City Hall by Board of Registrars

The board of registrars promptly at 10 o'clock this morning began the recount of the mayoralty and aldermanic votes cast at the last city election and the councilmanic vote cast in ward nine.

At 12 o'clock the registrars had finished the first precinct of ward nine and nine blocks of the second precinct of the same ward, without any material change being noted in any of the official returns.

A great crowd of politicians and onlookers was present when the recount began. The aldermen generally represented themselves at the count, while John C. King represented Casey and "Bert" Kendall looked after the interests of Hill.

The registrars took up ward nine first because of the councilmanic contest in this ward. Councilmanic Candidate Knutson thought he ought to have more votes than the count gave him. Councilman-elect Daly, the only democrat elected, has no fears, for he is second man, being next to Crosby, who has 955, Daly 949. The only man Knutson could possibly displace would be Clough, with 867, while Knutson has 858.

The registrars will work all afternoon and until 10 o'clock this evening and expect to finish at least three wards by that time.

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LATEST

MURDER CHARGED

Shooting in Hudson Woods Was Not An Accident

So Claim the New Hampshire Police—They Were in Lowell Yesterday Working on the Case

The killing of John Shuta in the Hudson woods is the subject of great interest in police circles today. Inspector O'Dowd and Officer Hildreth of Manchester, N. H., were in Lowell yesterday working on the case. The brothers suspected of having killed Shuta were traced to this city and it is the opinion of the police that the suspected men are now on their way across the water.

Inspector O'Dowd in speaking of the case yesterday, gave as his opinion that the men came to Lowell and took the Fall River train Tuesday afternoon. The men suspected of the murder are Joseph and Stanislas Bertig and Inspector O'Dowd said that no expense would be spared in an attempt to bring the men to justice. Cables have been sent to foreign ports and circulars have been sent to all cities of importance in the United States.

Inspector O'Dowd said that an overcoat was stolen in Nashua on the day that the three hunters went away and he is firm in the belief that one of the men suspected of the murder of Shuta took the coat. If that fact is established it will almost confirm the police in the belief that the brothers did not intend to return to Nashua and that the killing of Shuta was premeditated.

PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 19.—Medical Referee James T. Grecly, assisted by Doctors H. L. Smith and A. W. Shea, last night performed an autopsy on the body of John Shuta, the Pole, who was found in Hudson woods on Friday with his head nearly blown off, apparently by a charge from a shot gun. The finding was not given out, but a report will be presented to County Solicitor E. H Wason.

From evidence now in his hands the county solicitor is of the opinion that Shuta's death was the result of a cold blooded and deliberate murder.

After two days' work on the case the police gleaned the information from members of the Polish colony in this city that Shuta started on the hunting trip with Joseph Bertig and his brother, Stanislaus Bertig, at their invitation. The police have been searching for the Bertigs ever since Shuta's body was discovered, and they have succeeded in tracing the two brothers as far as Lowell. It is not known whether the Bertigs went on to Boston or whether they are at present in hiding in Lowell.

WASN'T AN ACCIDENT.

County Solicitor Wason is not saying much at present, but it is evident that he is not ready to accept the theory that Shuta was killed by the accidental toppling over of his own gun while sitting against a tree as suggested in yesterday's Press.

"The theory is very good," he remarked, "that is, for a little ways, but there is one little detail of evidence that makes it absolutely impossible. We are positive that Shuta's gun, which was found lying in the snow on the spot where a pool of blood indicated that the man first fell when struck by the fatal charge, was not the weapon that fired the shot that killed him.

"Granting that point, you will see that the man was not killed by accident by setting his gun against a tree and knocking it over while throwing off his suspenders."

It was afterwards learned that the county solicitor based his belief on the fact that the gun was found at half cock while one would expect the hammer to be found down if the gun had discharged as it dropped. With a rebounding lock the hammer would return to half cock automatically but the gun carried by Shuta was a hammerless piece and the invisible hammer was set by a slide which was removed by a touch of the hearer's thumb on the side.

The police, as is known by the statements of the heads of the department already published, feel convinced that the dead man was killed by one of his hunting companions and they are almost as strongly convinced that the deed was murder. The hurried flight of the missing men makes this theory appear all the stronger.

The relatives and friends of the men in the Polish colony are still firm in the accident theory.

PRECINCT OFFICERS

WILL SOON BE PAID FOR THEIR SERVICES.

The committee on appropriations will meet at city hall Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and clean up all matters which are now pending. There are quite a few little things and a few appropriations which need to be placed out in order that some bills now outstanding may be paid.

The loan of $17,000 recommended by the committee at their last meeting, for the purpose of making money available with which to pay the registrars of voters, the precinct officers and the janitors, will come up before the meeting of the common council tomorrow evening and it is said that it will meet with favor at the hands of the statesmen of the lower board of the government.

The precinct officers, over 216 in number, have coming to them at least $24 each, for they have only been paid for the state primaries, and they have yet to receive their pay for the state election, city primaries and city election. They receive $8 per day each.

THE MAYOR-ELECT

WILL CALL AT CITY HALL WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Mayor elect James H. Casey who is now enjoying a much needed rest in Washington, will return to this city Tuesday evening and the next morning he will begin active preparation for the inaugural. His first duty in relation to this matter will be the looking up of material for his inaugural address which it is customary to deliver upon being inducted into the chief executive's office. Of course Mr. Casey will be assisted in the gathering of the material for the address, but the major portion of the work will be done by himself.

Word has been received from Mr. Casey at city hall, but practically nothing will be done in the line of making arrangements for the inauguration until the mayor-elect returns from his brief respite. Mayor Howe thinks that whatever is done should first meet with the approval of the newly elected mayor. "I know how I should like to have things done, but still this might not meet with another mayor's idea, so I think we should await the home coming of Mr. Casey," said Mayor Howe, when asked about the arrangements for the inauguration. Mr. Casey will make a formal call upon Mayor Howe on Wednesday or Thursday morning and will take up the matter of the arrangements and other matters pertaining to his new office.

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FROM SATURDAY'S LATE EDITION

HE WAS POISONED

Charles Cowley Sues Locks & Canals Company

Claims He Was Poisoned for 10 Days as Result of River Water Getting Into City Mains at Merrimack Mills Fire

Charles Cowley, the well-known lawyer, has just brought a novel suit against the Locks and Canals company naming himself as the plaintiff. He sues to recover $5000 damages as the alleged result of being poisoned on July 19, 1903, and for ten days thereafter because of the leakage of Merrimack river water from the main of the defendant company into the city mains.

It will be remembered that at the time of the fire in the Merrimack mills through an alleged defect in the pipe a great quantity of river water which should have been confined to the Locks and Canals fire service, poured into city water mains with the result that there was a jump in the number of typhoid cases reported to the board of health. The latter body made an investigation and finding the cause of the trouble had it rectified.

Mr. Cowley claims that he was poisoned by this polluted city water and hence brings the suit.

TWO MORE SUITS

Brought Against U. S. Cartridge Company

AS RESULT OF SECOND EXPLOSION

Sick Woman Was Affected by the Shock

Robert Gormley and his wife Lulu M. Gormley, through their counsel, Charles Cowley, have brought suit against the United States Cartridge company, the husband in the sum of $1000, and the wife in the sum of $5000, as the result of the explosion which took place in the factory of the defendant company on July 18th last. This is not the big explosion but that which took place in in the priming house.

The Gormleys live nearby the Cartridge company and Mrs. Gormley was very ill on the day of the explosion, having given birth to a child the day previous. It is claimed that the shock of the explosion had a severe effect upon the sick woman and greatly retarded her recovery. The husband sues for the loss of his wife's aid and society.

THE LAW EVADED

Builders Take Advantage of Loose Ordinance

Supt. O'Connor of the public buildings department has been having an interesting time with certain owners of property and the result of the loose construction of the building ordinance.

Section 12 of the building ordinance reads as follows: The exterior and party walls of all buildings hereafter erected, wholly or in part within said district, shall be built of brick, stone, iron, or other hard and incombustible material. All such walls when constructed of brick, stone, or other incombustible substance, shall be solidly and firmly laid in mortar or cement, and shall not be less than eight inches thick, and the roof shall be securely covered with slate, tin, gravel or other incombustible material. And if the building is more than thirty-two feet in height, then the walls to the height of the first story shall not be less than sixteen inches thick, and those above the first story not less than twelve inches. In all three-story buildings, the walls of the first two stories shall not be less than sixteen inches thick.

Some time ago Rostler Brothers applied for a permit to make alterations and additions to a wooden building at the corner of Middlesex and McIntyre streets. The building in question is a rather dilapidated looking one and one half story wooden building located on the down town side of McIntyre street at the corner of Middlesex.

Now the fire district extends to the middle of McIntyre street, the line running through the center of the street and thus including Rostler Brothers' building in the district.

Superintendent O'Connor after an inspection refused to grant the necessary permit.

Then Rostler Bros. applied to the board of aldermen for a permit and on November 12 the board passed an order granting them leave to make alterations to a wooden building at premises described subject to approval of the superintendent of buildings.

When they resumed work on the building Supt. O'Connor sought to stop them but found after consultation with the city solicitor that on account of the order of the aldermen he had no power to stop the improvement of the wooden building but could insist upon the manner in which the improvements are made.

Thus through the looseness of the building ordinance as at present constructed the aldermen in one section are permitted to violate what is laid down in another.

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FOURTH ANNUAL BALL

OF THE ZION CRICKET CLUB AT PRESCOTT HALL.

The fourth annual ball of the Zion Cricket club was held in Prescott hall last night, there being a good sized crowd and the affair was a grand success in every sense of the word.

Music for dancing was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra and the officers of the party were as follows:

General manager, Arthur Hindle; assistant general manager, J. Herbert Shepard; floor director, Burton H. Crosby; assistant floor director, Mathew Meikiejohn; aids, Charles E. Shepard, Edward Nelson, Geo. Bailey, Joseph Wilmot, Fred Crosby, B. O. Fielding, Harry L. Shedd, James Burns, Harry Meikiejohn, John R. Whittaker, Samuel Gilline, Herbert Hadley, William Croft, Jr.

Reception committee, Wm. Thatcher, chairman; Albert Sutcliffe, Albion Felker, George Fish, James E. Donnelly, William Croft, Sr., Ambrose Hindle, Harry Maden, William Nelson, Z. Wia Sturtevant, James H. Hill, George Clegg, Frank Felker, Wm. Thornton, John W. Bowker, Joseph Woodcock, Albert Bury, Albert Whitworth, Joseph Harrison, James R. Casey, I. F. Williamson.

DEATHS

CRANE—Catherine Crane, aged 66 years, died this morning at St. John's hospital. The body was removed to Molloy's warerooms in Market street. The deceased was an old resident of Lowell and formerly lived at 26 William street. The deceased died from blood poisoning after two days' illness.

KELLY—Thomas F. Kelly, a well-known young resident of Centralville, died last night at the Corporation hospital. He resided with his parents at 101 Fulton street. He was prominent in local amateur base ball circles, being a member of the Riverside nine. Besides a father and mother he is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Richard Burns, Mrs. William Higgins, Misses Delia E., Margaret, Sadie and Kate Kelly.

FUNERALS

CONLON—The funeral of the late Anne E. Conlon took place this morning from her home, 53 Pleasant street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, including a large number from out of town. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I.

The choir under the direction of Prof. P. P. Haggerty, sang Schmidt's mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

The bearers were Messrs. Michael McQuade, P. J. Brennan, H. F. Duggan and Mathew Connors.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter Davey.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Cotton futures closed steady. Dec. 7.56; Jan. 7.61; Feb. 7.70; March 7.80; April 7.87; May 7.98; June 7.99; July 8.04; Aug. 8.08; Sept. —; Oct. 7.92.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 8.05; middling gulf 8.30; sales none.

HOOLEY SET FREE

The End of a Sensational Case

LONDON, Dec. 17.—After three weeks' trial, a jury in the central criminal court today found Ernest Terah Hooley not guilty and Henry J. Lawson guilty of obtaining money under false pretense. Lawson was sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor.

Execution of the sentence of Lawson was postponed to permit an appeal to the crown cases reserved court. Lawson was admitted to bail in $30,000.

Hooley, whose bankruptcy was the sensation of 1898, was arrested in London, May 10 last, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. Since his bankruptcy Hooley had been connected with various promotions. Lawson, another promoter, was taken into custody the same day in connection with the charge against Hooley. The technical charge against the prisoners was defrauding A. J. Payne of $50,000 by selling him shares of Siberian gold mines and other worthless concerns. Hooley was bailed in $40,000 and Lawson in $30,000.

SOLD AT AUCTION

THE BRISTOL COUNTY ROAD BROUGHT $30,000.

ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 17.—John T. Burnett and John L. Hall, of Boston, receivers of the Bristol county street railway, sold the road and equipment at auction here today to John A. Arnold of Pawtucket for $30,000. The sale is subject to a mortgage of $250,000, held by the Federal Trust company, trustees for the holders of $200,000 bonds, and charges. Mr. Arnold, who was the only bidder, purchased the property in behalf of himself, Chas. M. Choate, Jr., of Boston and George H. Newhall of Providence, who it is understood are to operate the line. The road is a small one and has but six passenger coaches.

At the conclusion of the sale, the receivers left for Middleboro, where the Middleboro, Wareham and Buzzards Bay street railway was offered for sale under similar circumstances. Messrs. Burnett and Hall are receivers for the Middleboro line and the understanding here was that it would be bid in by the interests which purchased the Bristol county road.

ST. MARK'S BASILICA

ARCHITECT SAYS IT WILL BE PRESERVED.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Architect Manfredi, author of the report on the condition of the Basilica, of the St. Marks', Venice, is now in Rome and has written to the Italia saying that the measures proposed in the report are sufficient to prevent the damage becoming worse, adding that urgent and indispensable work has been going on with great activity and care since last June. The funds on hand are almost sufficient to complete it.

"Every exaggerated impression in Italy and abroad," Signor Manfredi continues, "can therefore be dispelled. The great monument presents somewhat the grave signs of weakness and disintergration but through the efficacious restorations begun and especially those proposed in the report, it will be long preserved."

COPS HELD UP

BY A NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD CONVICT.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 17.—Frank Ides, a nineteen-year-old convict with a record, who escaped from the state reformatory at Rahway three months ago, kept his freedom yesterday by holding off with revolvers six policemen who thought they had him cornered at his mother's home here. Ides is known as the Jersey Jesse James. On three occasions and perhaps oftener he has escaped from law officers in this county, they being the first to pull a gun.

Reports that he occasionally slipped into his home here for a night's sleep caused the house to be watched, and when it was learned yesterday that he had just entered there with a young man named McMillan, Capt. O'Leary and Sergeant McGurn led four policemen to the scene. The house was surrounded. Then McGurn and O'Leary went in.

They battered down the door of the only room that he locked. McMillan was found there, arrested without difficulty and turned over to Policeman O'Brien at the rear door. The sergeant and O'Leary had gone back and were looking through the garret when Ides emerged from beneath the stoop almost where Policeman O'Brien was standing.

"Here he is," yelled Detective McNamara. As he spoke a bullet grazed the rim of his hat.

"That's one for practice," remarked Ides. Then, firing all the time, he ran to a fence in the rear and leaped over it. He whipped out another revolver, and as he ran through the lot to East Jersey street he plugged away at the cops who were scaling the fence. He jumped on a trolley car bound up East Jersey street, but was not on board when it arrived uptown and hasn't been seen since. None of the policemen was hit.

FUNDS PROVIDED

FOR REARMAMENT OF THE BRITISH ARTILLERY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The war office and the treasury have at last reached an arrangement to provide funds for the rearmament of the artillery and it is understood that war secretary Arnold Foster yesterday signed contracts which with the guns to be built at Woolwich arsenal will result in the supply of 130 batteries of field artillery and thirty batteries of horse artillery, with new pattern guns within nine months.

ALARM OF FIRE

1500 CHILDREN FILED OUT OF BUILDING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Fifteen hundred children of all ages were aroused from sleep by an alarm of fire in the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Amsterdam Avenue before day light today and marched in safety from the building. They performed their fire drill precisely as they had been trained. Then the teachers and elder boys composing the fire brigades attacked the blaze and quickly extinguished it. It was confined to a laundry and the damage was slight.

FOUR DROWNED

Boston Fishing Smack Was Shipwrecked

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17—Two young men, John H. Lincoln, aged 17 and Richard Straem, a German aged 21 who applied at the local police station for assistance to their homes in New York City tell a story of shipwreck on the fishing grounds in which the Boston fishing smack Marshall L. Hayden, is reported lost and four of her crew of 23 drowned. The men saved, escaped from the Hayden in dories and were picked up by the schooner Jennie and Agnes and were landed at Boston yesterday.

The young men did not know where the wreck occurred but from their statement that they were 16 days out from Boston it is believed here that the wreck occurred off Newfoundland.

The Hayden is reported as being of 133 tons and commanded by Captain Morris. The young men did not know the names of the drowned seamen. Both will be sent to New York by steamer tonight.

They gave their residence as 48 Graham street, New York. Straem says he has followed the sea for a number of years while the trip on the Hayden was Lincoln's first venture of the sort.

MADE NO RESCUE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—F. J. O'Hara, owner of the Boston fishing schooner Jennie and Agnes, mentioned in a Providence dispatch as having rescued all but four men of the crew of a vessel named Marshall L. Hayden, said this afternoon that his vessel arrived here on Tuesday last, but that she had rescued no one during her trip. Had a rescue been made, Mr. O'Hara said, he would have heard of it. He declined to believe the story related by two young men in Providence.

The Jennie and Agnes sailed from here last night on another fishing trip.

No vessel named Marshall L. Hayden, the one said to have been wrecked, is known here and such a name does not appear in shipping registers. The fishing schooner Marshall L. Adams arrived in port this week.

PREMIER PETERS

WAS DEFEATED BY A SINGLE VOTE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 17.—Official returns from the general provincial elections show that although the liberal government was sustained by a large majority, the leader of the party, Premier Arthur Peters was defeated by one vote in St. Peters division. He is therefore without a seat in the legislature at least temporarily. On the face of the unofficial returns, he was apparently elected by six votes. Petitions have been filed against the return of all four men elected from Prince Edward Island to the house of commons in the federal elections early in November. Three are conservatives and the other is liberal. The petitioners asked that the seats be declared vacant on the ground that corrupt practices were committed by agents.

A TOTAL WRECK

SCHOONER HARRY TROPP STRUCK ON ROCKS.

SHELBURNE, N. S., Dec. 17.—The schooner Harry Tropp, which during the past few years had been followed by a series of misfortunes, is a total wreck off Shelburne Point. The vessel struck on the rocks while on her way from Halifax to this port and Capt. George J. Thorburn and his crew were rescued with difficulty by fishermen. The captain was slightly injured.

The Harry Tropp was built at Liverpool, N. S., in 1901. Her gross tonnage was 232. Captain Thorburn was her principal owner. The vessel was insured for $9,000.

The vessel's troubles began about three years ago when she was seized by the Venezuelan government for alleged infraction of treaty rights.

Subsequently while the schooner was at Porto Rico, her captain was drowned. A few trips ago, Captain Thorburn who had become commander and owner, was the victim of a paralytic stroke and he had resumed charge of the vessel only a short time ago.

REPORT OF DEATHS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1904.

Dec.
5—Esther Carter 74, senile debility.
8—John H. Welch 62, ch. bronchitis.
John Oakes 45, found dead.
Muriel E. Gallagher 3 hours, prem. birth.
9—James Gray 82, heart disease.
William E. McCloughrey 31, suicide.
Mark Woods 6, diphtheria.
10—Herodine Beaulieu 56, tuberculosis.
Catherine Moore 56, disease of liver.
Daniel Golden 42, myocarditis.
Mary Hubeda 1, tuberculosis.
11—Ellen McCarron 83, debility.
Melanie Neault 70, pneumonia.
Sarah Lalundere 54, pneumonia.
Hugh A. Thompson 67, pneumonia.
Frederick Astbury 41, fall.
Augustine Briscoe 23, phthisis.
Joseph V. Arneault 4 mos., sclerosis.
Ralph Draper 1 mo., convulsions.
12—Mary C. Page 75, disease of heart.
Martin Lane 61, disease of eyes.
Thomas McGuane 56, pneumonia.
Elizabeth B. Davis 43, alcoholism.
Loretta Foudy 1, bronchitis.
Loring D. Trull 10 days, inanition.
13—Anna Roach 67, nephritis.
Edmond D. Venne 28, pernicious anaemia.
Kate McNamara 24, rheumatism.
Raoul Plourde 6 mos., pneumonia.
Frederick Birchall 4 mos., cleft, palate.
Anetta Pappadoogiano 1 mo., cap bronchitis.
Mary Vice 1 day, prem. birth.
14—Rebecca L. Abbott 76, old age.
Ann E. Conlon 63, cer. hemorrhage.
15—Polixene Apostolakes 28, pneumonia.
Cyrille Groleau 1 day, cong. debility.
Mary Johlmore 29, phthisis.
James Corrigan 19, gas poisoning.
Helen Viator 3, diphtheria.
Lucien Therrien 2 mos., bronchitis.
16—Peter Mitchell 50, ulcer of stomach.

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SUPREME COURT

Throws Out Votes in Colorado

DENVER, Col., Dec. 17—Chief Justice Gabbert today announced the decision of the supreme court to throw out the entire vote of three precincts of Ward five and one precinct of ward 7 at the late election on the ground that gross frauds were committed in direct violation of the injunction served upon the election officials. The decision does not affect the vote for president and congressmen, but may have an important effect on the governorship.

A NERVY ACT

POLICEMAN STOPPED A RUNAWAY HORSE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—A horse attached to a butcher's wagon ran away yesterday afternoon at Marcy and Division avenues, Williamsburg, and gave Policeman Bryan of the Clymer street station a chance to prove his mettle. Bryan saw the runaway coming along Marcy avenue and running behind it, climbed into the wagon and then crawled along the shaft to the horse's head. He was pulling hard at the reins when, as the horse turned into Broadway, he lost his balance and fell. He kept his grip on the reins, however, and was kicked and trampled for a block before the horse was finally stopped.

Bryan was pretty badly bruised and had to be relieved from duty. Only a few weeks ago he was laid up by another runaway.

ANOTHER HOLD-UP

ASSAILANT MADE HIS ESCAPE IN THE DARK.

NEWTON, Dec. 17.—The second hold-up in this city within two weeks was committed early last evening within 150 yards of police station 3 on Washington street, when Ralph T. Laffie, son of Martin C. Laffie, an officer of the Newton municipal court, was assaulted by an unknown while on his way to his home at 49 Carleton street.

In the struggle Laffie, who had on his person a considerable sum of money, successfully beat off his assailant, who escaped in the darkness.

Laffie was walking along Channing street in the direction of his home, when a stranger who had been following him for some distance suddenly stepped to his side with the remark, "Hold on there, I want to see you a moment".

Laffie turned toward the man and as he did so, the latter aimed a blow at his head. Laffie eluded it and grappled with the stranger. Both men whirled from the sidewalk to the middle of the street when the unknown succeeded in loosing the hold which Laffie had upon him and ran down Channing street toward Washington.

Laffie kept him in sight until he reached the vicinity of station 3 when the man eluded him in the darkness. The officers of the station were notified as quickly as possible and Patrolmen Desmond and O'Halloran started in pursuit, but were unable to find any trace of the assailant.

GENERAL GRANT

MAKES FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO SEVERAL FORTS.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 17.—Brig.-Gen. Fred'k Grant, commanding the Atlantic division, arrived here today accompanied by Colonel John W. Pullman, chief quartermaster of his staff. General Grant came to make his first official visit to Forts Adams, Greble and Wetherill. He was met by Col. Wm. Ennis commanding the Narragansett defense station and his officers and inspected the government buildings. Owing to the deep snow there was no inspection of the troops. General Grant will return to New York tonight.

NO DECISION

IN THE GREENE AND GAYNOR CASE APPEAL.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The privy council, which yesterday began hearing the appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaynor, adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments today. Judgment will be rendered December 19.

PIO CENTRA

FAITHFUL ATTENDANT OF LATE POPE LEO IS DEAD.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Pio Centra, the faithful attendant of the late Pope Leo XIII, died here today of apoplexy, thus fulfilling his own prediction that he would soon follow his master. Centra, who was one of the most picturesque figures of the late pontifical, lived entirely for Pope Leo, sleeping practically in the same room and occupying the entire confidence of the late Pope.

MORTALITY OF LOWELL

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1904.

Population 104,402; total deaths 39; deaths under five 13; infectious diseases 2; acute lung diseases 10; diphtheria 2.

Death rate: 19.42 against 14.94, 12.45 for previous two weeks.

Infectious diseases reported: Typhoid fever 1, scarlet fever 3, diphtheria 6, measles 1.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

CARD OF THANKS.

We the undersigned take this public method to give expression of our heartfelt gratitude to the many kind friends and neighbors who by words of condolence and by floral evidence manifested their grief in the loss by death to us of a devoted wife and a loving mother—the late lamented Anna M. Roach all will be held in lasting and loving remembrance by.

MR. LAWRENCE ROACH AND CHILDREN.

LORD FAIRFAX SAILS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17—The Cunard line steamer Campania, which sailed for New York today by way of Queenstown took among her passengers Lord Fairfax and Wm. Forbes Fisher.

RETURNED HOME

Corp. Peltier Saw Service in Philippines

William Peltier, son of Merrill Peltier, of 130 Avon street, has returned from the Philippines, having received an honorable discharge from the 26th infantry in which he enlisted Dec. 1, 1901.

Peltier is 29 years of age and is proud of his army record. This is his third discharge, the enlistment in 1901 having been his third. He first enlisted in the Sixth Mass. regiment on May 13, 1898, for the Spanish war. There he served under Capt. Fairweather of company G. Returning to Lowell in 1899 he remained here three months and then re-enlisted, this time in the 26th Mass. volunteers. He went to the Philippines then and served two years under Capt. Greig, also of this city. He returned to Lowell in August, 1901 and again re-enlisted in December of the same year in the regiment from which he had been discharged, receiving the rank of corporal.

Corporal Peltier left the Philippines on the U. S. transport Thomas, arriving in San Francisco two weeks ago. He says he is yet undecided about reenlisting for a fourth time. He has been in a number of skirmishes, and at the great battle of Mindanao in the Philippines, but always came out without a scratch, when several of his comrades fell around him.

THAWING OUT PIPES

SET FIRE TO HIS HOUSE BUT FRIENDS SAVED IT.

While trying to thaw out a water pipe yesterday, an Italian who occupies a tenement on the banks of Beaver brook in Collinsville, set fire to the house and but for the timely assistance rendered by a number of young men in the town the building would have been destroyed. A number of the young men who reside in the vicinity of the Italian's house, attracted to the scene by the flames, formed a bucket brigade and did effective work.

APPLETON EMPLOYES

HELD PRETTY DANCING PARTY IN MIDDLE STREET HALL.

A very pretty dancing party was held in American Mechanics hall in Middle street last night under the auspices of the employes of the Appleton cloth room. There was a very large attendance and those who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Pease & Griffith's orchestra furnished music for dancing, a program containing 20 numbers being carried out.

The success of the affair was due to the zealous and untiring work of the following efficient corps of officials:

General manager, Patrick H. Farrell; assistant general manger, Andrew Tague; floor director, Thomas Gallagher; assistant floor director, Zenaide Staples; chief aid, Ethel M. Call; aids, George F. Adams, Rose Carey, Hugh Gallagher, Minnie O'Connell, Mamie Lagasse, Lillian Sanborn, Martin Gannon, Sarah Mullaney, Eva Christy, Patrick Cox, Miles Fletcher, Sadie Frye, Delia Gallagher, Rena Whitney, Patrick Monahan, Sadie T. Lannon, Nellie Kerby, Bernice Hovey, Willim Desmond; reception committee, Joseph A. Farrell chairman, George Churchill, Albert Campbell, Walter Gibson, Gladys Woodbury, Rose Leonard, Sarah Dallagher, Bertha Whitney, Carrie Breault, Fred Sanborn, Frank Burns.

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A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at F. H. Goodale's drug store, 217 Central street.

PAID WIFE'S FINE

THEN HUSBAND TOLD HER TO SHIFT FOR HERSELF.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17.—After a search of more than a year, Frank Wilkey, a milk dealer of Dudley, Mass., has found his missing wife in this city, living with a man named Logan, who formerly worked for Wilkey.

A year ago last September Mrs. Wilkey told her husband that she wanted to visit Worcester to buy a birthday gift for one of the children. Mr. Wilkey drove her to the railroad station and had not seen his wife since until he traced her to this city. The hired man, Logan, had left Wilkey's employ some time before, and Mrs. Wilkely is believed to have been living with him many months.

In police court yesterday morning Logan was heavily fined and sent to jail to work out his sentence. Since coming to this city he has been employed for a wood and coal company.

Mrs. Wilkey was also fined, but her husband paid the fine. He then told the woman that she had forfeited all right to his protection and affection, and after giving her sufficient money to get out of the state, he returned to his home in Massachusetts.

The Wilkey home is said to be provided with all that is ordinarily understood as being adequate for happiness and comfort. Beside her husband, Mrs. Wilkey left three children and an aged mother in her home.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Mr. Talmon Snoddy, of Midway, Tenn., writes:—

"My mother was troubled with Sick Headache. She tried several medicines with no relief until she used 'Seven Barks,' which completely cured her. Her trouble was of eighteen years' standing."

Mrs. Emma Pluet, 32 Lewis street, Haverhill, Mass, says:—

"I was troubled with Sick Headaches, Indigestion and Biliousness. I was so nervous I could not rest nights. Since taking 'Seven Barks' my Indigestion has disappeared and I can rest well, and everything I eat tastes so good now."

If anyone with Stomach, Liver or Kidney Troubles will get a bottle of "Seven Barks," take as directed, and if all the benefit one should expect is not derived, no charge will be made. We are not taking chances in making this offer, for we know the character of the remedy and we are satisfied it will do all that is claimed for it.

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ARTHUR W. COLBURN, SELECTMAN.

It Was Dedicated to the Dracut Heroes Today

Impressive services were conducted at the Old Yellow Meeting House in Dracut centre this afternoon, the occasion being the unveiling of a boulder and tablet in memory of the citizens of Dracut who fought in the Revolutionary war, the boulder being presented by the members of Old Middlesex chapter, Sons of American Revolution.

The boulder is placed in the front of the meeting-house yard and stands about four feet high and on it is a bronze tablet bearing the inscription:

In Memory of the Men of
Dracut
Who Served in the Revolutionary War
1775-1783.
423 Out of a Population of 1173.
Placed by Old Middlesex Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution,
1904.

Among those present were many of the residents of the town, members of Old Middlesex chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and the members of the three chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in this city.

The meeting-house was packed to its capacity shortly after 2 o'clock when President Solon W. Stevens called to order. The meeting opened with invocation by Rev. Wilson Waters, pastor of All Saints church of Chelmsford, and chaplain of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was followed by the singing of "America" by the congregation.

DR. PARKER'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Moses G. Parker of this city then in a few well spoken words presented the boulder to the town of Dracut. Dr. Parker spoke in part as follows:

Mr. President and Selectmen of Dracut:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—As chairman of the committee on markers, appointed by the Old Middlesex Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, it becomes my privilege to present to the town of Dracut, through its selectmen, Messrs. Fox, Colburn and Parker, this bronze tablet, placed here by the Old Middlesex Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, to perpetuate the memory of the four hundred and twenty-three sons of Dracut, who served in the American revolution from 1775 to 1783.

Time will not permit me to read these names, you will find them all recorded in a beautiful book, presented to the town library, by the Molly Varnum Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, June 25, 1903.

In this list will be found the names of thirty-three Coburns, fifteen Varnums, fourteen Richardsons, thirteen Parkers, eleven Jones, nine Foxes, seven each of Abbott, Davis, Hall and Sawyer, six each of Barker, Bradly, Hildreth, Lindsey and Wood, five each of Barrows, Bowers, Clement, Clough, Crosby, Harris, Kelly and Taylor, four each of Flint, Foster, Goodhue, Marshall, Mears and Wright.

From these four hundred and twenty-three sons, one hundred and twelve were at the battle of Lexington and Concord; twenty-three at Bunker hill; sixty-three at Saratoga, seven at White Plains, sixty-nine at Rhode Island and seventy-four in New York state. Sixty-one are recorded as being in the Continental army and twenty-three in the northern army, without the place of service being given. Many were attached to companies and regiments, and the location of these companies and regiments is not given.

LIST OF HEROES.

In this list of four hundred and twenty three names, I find one colonel, Col. Louis Ansart.

Four Captains—Peter Coburn, J. B. Varnum, James Varnum, Stephen Russell.

Eleven Lieutenants—Abraham Coburn, Ephram Coburn, Simon Coburn, Niles Flint, William Hovey, Josiah Foster, David Jones, Temple Kendall, Abram Stickney, Ebenezer Varnum, Micah Hildreth.

Thirteen Sergeants—David Austin, Moses Barker, Timothy Barker, Samuel Barron, Jerathmeel Coburn, Abijah Fox, Peter Hunt, Jonothan Jones, Gershom Flag Lane, David Lindsey, Samuel Mansur, Mathew Parker, Jonothan Robbins.

Seven Corporals—Ephram Lindsey, Kendall Parker, Asa Spaulding, John Taylor, David Trull, Elijah Tuttle, John Hancock.

This is the record of the officers from Dracut's four hundred and twenty-three men, patriots in the American Revolution.

It is a record she may well be proud of; it places her among the first, if not the first on the list of towns, for patriots in the American Revolution, giving 36 per cent. of her entire population which was then only 1173 to the defence of our country.

From these patriots you and I are descended. We may well be proud of our ancestors and of the town in which we were born.

As we stand here on this sacred spot, we can imagine our ancestors in those early days coming here from the North, South, East and West, over these very roads, to meet, at their captain's call. The powder house, long since removed, stood near by.

It was here these patriots met for drill, for parade and for target practice, becoming proficient marksmen as shown at the battle of Lexington and Concord. Where of the 400 men that fell that day, less than 100 were Americans and over 300 were British.

The British, in their report of this battle to their king, complained of the Americans and called them murderers because they took aim in battle; they did take aim, and they hit the mark, not only at Lexington and Concord, but when they aimed at Old England as well. Because they were brave and dared to do this, you and I stand here today, free citizens of the United States of America; it is a blessed inheritance, which we should fondly cherish and so guard, that we may keep our rights inviolate and yield them not, without a struggle.

Our country has grown to proportions beyond our wildest imaginations. This has been so well expressed by the president of the Old Middlesex Chapter, Solon W. Stevens, on a former occasion that I must quote his words:—

"The tree of civil and religious liberty which the fathers planted and which Washington defended from the British woodman's axe, has grown to such proportions, that today not far from eighty millions of industrious people are leading prosperous lives beneath its benignant shade; and if you would measure the perimeter of its influence you must stretch the line from ocean to ocean."

"Moreover in these latter days impelled by irrepressible latent force, this monarch of the forest seems to be shooting out its roots beneath the water-flood, to be woven and entwined with the earthy substance of climes beyond the sea, in order that ultimately the lifeless air of the Orient may be stirred and quickened by the push and swing of the products of New England soil."

It is not yet one hundred and thirty years since the beacon light at Charlestown flashed its signal of alarm to Andover, from Andover to Tewksbury, Thence to Dracut Heights (Christian Hill) warning the towns that the British were coming and calling the "Minute Men" to arms long before Paul Revere reached Lexington.

There were no telegraph lines then; it was the beacon light and flint-lock gun that sent the signal of alarm throughout the commonwealth of Massachusetts, arousing the men of Old Middlesex county from their slumbers on that memorable morning, the 19th of April, 1775, and it was Dracut's 112 men that marched that morning to Lexington, and followed the British on their retreat to Boston, delivering a deadly fire at the retreating foe.

It was the spirit of these men that gave us our independence and afterwards their descendants, together with men from other countries, who adopted their views and this country as their own, risked their lives in the late Civil war for the continuance of that freedom our ancestors gave us.

Standing here, I see before me descendants of Dracut's patriots, who served, as I did, in the late Civil war, for the preservation of the Union, when the South was arrayed against the North, and brother fought brother; when soldiers fell by ten, twenty and even thirty thousand on a side, in the great battles of the Civil war.

There are men here who were in those battles and remember the scenes now more vividly than the scenes of their childhood, and we stand here today thanking our God that we are spared to see our great country again united and slavery no more.

In closing let me say, that we are proud of Dracut, our birth place, proud of her record, proud of our ancestors who fought at Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, Saratoga, White Plains, Rhode Island and New York state and proud of her 423 patriots from a population of only 1173.

It now becomes my pleasant duty in behalf of the old Middlesex Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, to present to the town of Dracut through its selectmen, this tablet imbedded in a bowlder provided by the town of Dracut, to forever commemorate the memory of its 423 patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War.

At the conclusion of Dr. Parker's speech Selectman Arthur W. Colburn, of the town of Dracut, in a few well spoken words, accepted the boulder and tablet in behalf of the citizens of Dracut. This was followed by a short speech by Mr. J. Joseph Hennessey, counsel for the town of Dracut. Mrs. Sarah Griffin then spoke of the life of Col. Ansard, a noted French military man.

Rev. Wilson Waters, chaplain of the organization, then made an address and Rev. J. M. Greene, pastor of the Eliot Congregational church of this city, followed with a neat speech.

Mr. Charles E. Adams, state president of the Sons of the American Revolution, also spoke and the meeting closed with the singing of "Old Hundred" by the congregation.

The officers of the Old Middlesex chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution are as follows:

President, Solon W. Stevens; vice-president, James F. Savage; secretary, A. W. Burnham; registrar, Fred A. Estes; chaplain, Rev. Wilson Waters; treasurer, Fred G. Tilton, and auditor, Artemus T. Woodward.

FATHER KILLED

QUARREL OVER PUNISHING A PUPIL.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Prof. J. E. Woodward, principal of the Magee High school of Magee, Miss., or his brother, today shot and killed Edward E. Mangum, the father of one of his pupils.

Yesterday Prof. Woodward whipped young Mangum for bad behavior in school. The father met the teacher that night and thrashed him. Today when Prof. Woodward and his brother were passing Mangum's place of business the quarrel was resumed. All three drew their weapons and fired and Mangum fell dead, shot through the head.

HOSPITALS BOMBARDED BY THE JAPANESE

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The following despatch was received today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur:

"Two letters from General Stoessel (commanding the Russian military forces at Port Arthur) to General Nogi (in command of the besiegers at Port Arthur), reached headquarters at 8 in the evening of December 15. The first read as follows:

"I have the honor to inform you that your artillery has bombarded our hospitals which are plainly distinguished by Red Cross flags. These insignia are visible from your artillery positions. I request you to prohibit the bombardment. I make the request from high esteem for our brave heroes who after gloriously fighting with your force lie wounded in the hospitals under the Red Cross. Among these heroes are some Japanese wounded.

"I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to you assurances of my high respect."

General Nogi further reports that he sent Major Saito accompanied by Professor Ariga and an interpreter to Saichiao to deliver a reply which was accompanied by the following letter to General Stoessel:

"I have the honor to assure you that the Japanese army respecting humanity and treaties since the beginning of the war, has never purposely directed shells against buildings or vessels flying the Red Cross, but the greater part of the garrison is invisible from our gun positions and as you know, shells do not always reach the place to which they are directed, and especially owing to your long and brave resistance the deviation of our guns is becoming greater and greater. So with the greatest regret we are unable to guarantee to reach the places at which they are directed. I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my highest respect."

The record of the interview between Barashoff Langa and Major Saito is as follows:

Barashoff—"The Japanese army directs its fire against buildings under the Red Cross."

Saito—"Never."

Barashoff—"We request you not to bombard the whole new town and the northeastern part of the old town."

Saito—"We cannot agree absolutely to limit our area."

Barashoff—"We will give you a map showing the positions of our hospitals and hope you will not bombard them."

Saito—"We will receive the map supporting your request."

"It was arranged that the map shall be delivered Dec. 17."

Accompanying this letter was another from General Stoessel to General Nogi saying:

"I hereby entrust the Barashoff Langa, hunt master to the emperor and superintendent of the Red Cross to negotiate with your excellency in order to remove the hospitals outside the dangerous zone during bombardment. It is needless to say that we have respect for your right to promote the success of your operations."

Penciled on the envelope was the following:

"Barashoff will come to the same place on the afternoon of Dec. 16, to receive your reply."

PROVIDE HOSPITALS FOR THE WOUNDED

TOKIO, Dec. 17—4 p.m.—General Stoessel has opened negotiations with the Japanese forces surrounding Port Arthur providing hospitals for the city. He has furnished General Nogi with a map showing the positions of the different hospitals.

NO AGREEMENT

Fall River Strike is Still On

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 17.—At 2.35 the doors of the manufacturers' rooms were thrown open and it was announced that no agreement had been reached between the labor leaders and the mill men. Secretary Taylor, speaking for the operatives, said that after a four hours' discussion the proposition was advanced by the labor men that a 6¼ per cent. reduction be enforced for three months at the end of which time the old rate should be restored, if conditions warranted.

This proposition was rejected. It was then proposed to leave the matter to arbitration by the National Civic Federation.

This proposition was not looked upon favorably by the manufacturers but was left open. A meeting of the textile council will be called tomorrow.

The manufacturers were represented by President N. Borden, S. B. Chase, W. F. Shore, D. A. Brayton, Geo. H. Hills, J. E. Osborn and C. E. Rounseville. During the early part of the session Treasurer C. M. Shore of the Granite mills was present but he withdrew before the conference adjourned. The labor men were President Golden and Secretary Hibbert of the United Textile Workers, Secretaries Tansey, Whitehead, O'Donnell, Taylor and Jackson of the Textile Council. At two o'clock, the parties were holding separate consultations, but neither would give out any statement for publication.

CHADWICK PLEA

Accused Woman Says Not Guilty

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17—Mrs. Chadwick pleaded not guilty to all the indictments found against her by the special federal grand jury. She will not give bail and will again be locked up in the county jail.

SHE FAINTED

MRS. CHADWICK HAD A SERIOUS SPELL.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Chadwick this morning had her first experience with Sheriff Barry's new rule that she should receive no visitors except in the regular visiting hours. Her nurse, Freda Swanstrom, called at the jail, was told that she could not see Mrs. Chadwick, and departed after leaving some small articles. Her physical condition and temper were much improved this morning. She laughed heartily at several stories in the newspapers, one of which declaring that she had received a check for $85,000,000 "payable on the bank of the River Jordan," seeming to afford her especial amusement. After walking about the jail corridor for some time, Mrs. Chadwick said she was ill, and a physician was summoned. Before Dr. R. A. Wall had reached the jail, Mrs. Chadwick fainted. A few restoratives soon restored to consciousness.

CAME TO LOWELL

Men Suspected of Murder are Probably Here

NASHUA, Dec. 17—The autopsy on the body of John Shuta the Pole who was found lying dead with his head nearly blown off by a gun shot yesterday at Hudson, was not held today, as the body is still frozen. It is expected it will take place tomorrow. County Solicitor Wilson, Sheriff Doane and the chief of the Hudson police today made a searching inquiry among the members of the local Polish colony but no new facts were brought out. No trace has yet been found of Shuta's companions on the hunting trip in the Hudson woods, Joseph Bertig and his brother, Stanislaus Bertig. Police throughout New England have been notified to be on the look out for them. It is believed they went in the direction of Lowell.

MORE TESTIMONY

In the Senator Smoot Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—When the Senator Smoot investigation was resumed today Chas. H. Jackson, chairman of the democratic committee of Idaho, who testified yesterday in regard to the Mormon interference in political affairs was recalled. The examination followed similar lines today. The influence of the Mormons was shown, said the witness by the fact that the democrats and independents were unable to get chairmen of political meetings held in Mormon counties without the aid of Mormons.

On cross examination, Mr. Jackson said that apostles Matthias Crowley and John Henry Smith were among those who went into Idaho and told the people that there had been a revelation that they should vote the republican ticket. Questioned by Mr. Van Cott, representing Senator Smoot, the witness said he never had heard these apostles declare that there had been such revelations; that it has always been taken for granted there has been a revelation when a Mormon apostle appears in Idaho to direct political affairs. Cross examination drew from the witness that he knew only general repute of these affairs and that his statement made yesterday concerning sugar bounties was based on the same information. He asserted however, that it is well known that the Mormons had asked the legislature to pass the sugar bounty law. "And the Mormons get everything they ask in Idaho whether it is a republican or democratic legislature," he concluded.

Mr. Van Cott brought out the fact that there were about 20,000 Mormon votes out of a total of 60,000 votes in the state. He asked the witness if it was not true that although the gentiles were in a large majority and that the democrats put an anti Mormon plank in their platform and the republicans refused to put in such a plank, the republicans carried the state by a very large majority.

"That is a bald fact," responded the witness, but he added that the inference drawn by the attorney from the question was not justified.

An effort was made by Mr. Van Cott to show that the Mormon delegates in the last democratic state committee had agreed to vote for an antipolygamy resolution.

Mr. Jackson, in answer to questions by Chairman Burrows told of the passage of a resolution by the Idaho legislature calling a constitutional convention. He said the resolution created no comment and in fact its purpose was ignored until Senator Dubois had written a letter calling attention to the fact that such a convention could repeal the Idaho tests against polygamy. Mr. Jackson said the resolution had been put through the legislature on the advice of apostle John Henry Smith. Asked why the resolution was not submitted to the people, Mr. Jackson said the attorney general gave an opinion declaring that the resolution was improperly passed and the secretary of state refused to certify the resolution to be placed on the ballot.

WAS HELD UP

MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY COULD NOT LAND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17—There is a "Man without a country" on the steamer Mongolia. When the immigration officers were examining the steerage passengers yesterday they came across Edward A. Kee, 20 years old, who confessed ignorance as to who or what his parents were. He said he was born in Chicago, was taken in charge at an early age by a Chinese named Charley Kee, and had been9 raised by him.

Three years ago young Kee was sent by Charley Kee to China to learn the language of that country and got a passport that expired a year ago. He is apparently a thorough Anglo-Saxon and says he believes from what he used to hear that his father was American an dhis mother Irish.

Charley Kee, whom he regards as his father, is a fullblooded Chinese, but an American citizen and is an inspector in the service of the Immigration Bureau at Washington, D. C. The young man may be allowed to land. A suspicion that he might be of Chinese extraction caused his detention.

GOVERNOR ODELL

WILL DINE WITH SENATOR DEPEW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—There was little done today in the political manoeuvring that has been going on preliminary to the election of a U. S. senator by the next legislature. Gov. Odell said:

"The happy yuletide is now approaching and all is peace and harmony. I dined with Depew last night and I am going to dine with him again tonight."

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NAMED.

BOSTON, Dec. 17—It was announced today that Col. Edward P. Hamlin of Newton will remain executive secretary under the administration of governor-elect Wm. L. Douglas.

PLEADED GUILTY

Italian Set Fire to a House

WORCESTER, Dec. 17—Lawson Neari, an Italian, is alleged to have set fire to a dwelling house occupied by four Italian families in Millbury early today. He walked six miles to Worcester to take a train for New York and was captured by two patrolmen. He was arraigned before Judge Alley in the central district court, pleaded guilty and was held in $2000 bonds for the superior court.

The fire was set in the cellar where Neari actuated by a spirit of revenge, it is claimed, poured kerosene over everything and touched a match. The blaze was discovered after it burned through the first floor and the twenty occupants escaped. The fire was extinguished with small loss.

CASE OF SUICIDE

MOUNTED POLICE OFFICER WAS FOUND DEAD.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mounted Policeman Frederick Schultze was found dead on Kensington avenue early today with a bullet hole back of his right ear. His horse was standing nearby. His right hand was bare and his revolver was lying within a foot or two of the body. The police authorities believe it is a case of suicide. Schultze has been under charges recently.

TERRIBLY BURNED

MAN FELL INTO VAT OF BOILING WATER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17—Simon Hieron, aged about 40 years, was taken to the Rhode Island hospital terribly burned and scalded as the result of an accidental fall into a vat of boiling water and oil at the Victoria Worsted mills in the Thornton where he was employed, today. His condition is very critical.

He is married and has several children.

FOUND IN SNOW

DIAMOND RECOVERED AFTER A SEARCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Two women and two men walked out of Sherry's about 2 o'clock yesterday morning and strolled north. Detective O'Connor, standing on the corner, noticed that after going two blocks they stopped suddenly and then rushed back toward the restaurant. One of the women, who said she was Mrs. Bernard M. Baker, living at the Women's club, 9 East Forty-Sixth street, told the detective that she had lost a diamond studded watch valued at $1000 and the brooch that held it, also diamond studded.

A search of the restaurant failed to disclose the missing jewelry. O'Connor borrowed a lantern and, assisted by a number of cabmen, began a search of the street along the route taken by the four after they left the restaurant.

At the corner of Forty-fifth street the brooch was found in the snow, but although the searchers worked hard for an hour longer no trace of the watch was found.

ON 58 HOUR SCHEDULE.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17.—The plant of the Howard and Bullough American machine company, limited which has been running for over a year on a time schedule of 45 hours a week, commences on Monday on a 58 hour schedule. The plant is the largest machine shop in the city and employs about 100.

Business depression a year ago caused the short time schedule, but the company claims that they now have a rush of orders with prospect of excellent business.

JUDGE HAMMOND DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Judge E. H. Hammond, of the federal district court, Memphis, Tenn., died here today of pneumonia. He came to New York about two weeks ago, to attend a meeting of the McKinley Memorial association and decided to remain a few days with his daughter. He was 66 years ago.

Miss Edythe Lumb, who has been visiting Mrs. M. H. Connolly of First street, has returned to her home in Cohoes, N. Y.

DROPPED DEAD.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Charles L. A. Dow, a well known inventor and manufacturer of agricultural implements, dropped dead on the street today. He was famous both for the large number of patents issued in his name by the United States patent office, being supposed to hold the record in that respect, and for the number of patent litigation, in which he was for many years involved. He was about 60 years old.

CONTRACT RE-LET

FOR WORK ON CHURCH IN NEW BEDFORD.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 17.—As a result of a collapse of one of the walls of the new St. Anthony's church which caused the loss of two lives and injuries to several workmen, the contract for building the church has been taken away from M. J. Houlihan of Providence and the work will be carried on by the pastor, Rev. H. Deslauriers, under the supervision of Louis Destremps, a Fall River architect and contractor, who will fill the plans made by Joseph Venne of Montreal, the architect of the church. It is probable that Mr. Houlihan will institute legal proceedings as a result of the action taken by Father Deslauriers.

CHEER UP THERE

PRICES OF GEESE AND TURKEY ON THE TOBOGGAN.

You will not have to pay any more for your Christmas goose or turkey this year than you did a year ago, other statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

Turkeys, chickens, fowl and geese are as low in price this year as for many seasons past. Fancy turkeys will sell from now until Christmas at from 18 to 23 cents a pound; fancy Northern geese, 16 to 18 cents per pound; ducks, 16 to 18 cents per pound; fancy fowl, 15 to 18 cents per pound.

No one need go without his customary Christmas turkey dinner at the low prices which will prevail this year.

Meats of all kinds are also low at this time of the year as the market is glutted and the demand is light. Fruit is also plentiful and cheap, fancy Florida oranges selling 20 for 25 cents. Nuts and candy are also at uniformly low prices and food supplies generally are easily within the reach of all.

RESULT OF GRUDGE

ONE ITALIAN SHOT AND KILLED ANOTHER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Michael Di Giovanni, a wholesaler of 226 Johnson avenue, Williamsburg, was shot and killed last night by Antonio Barbetta, against whom Di Giovanni had a nine-year-old grudge.

Barbetta was standing with another Italian at Brunswick and Johnson avenues about 9 o'clock last night, when Di Giovanni came along. The latter drew a revolver and fired wildly. Barbetta drew his pistol. His first bullet went into Di Giovanni's temple, killing him instantly. As the body lay in the street Barbetta fired two more shots into it.

Policeman Kinzler of Stagg street station, who heard the shots and the shouts of scared pedestrians, came up on the run. He made a grab for Barbetta, who still held his revolver. The man with Barbetta drew his revolver and fired twice at Kinzler, one of the bullets going through the policeman's helmet. Then he took to his heels, while Kinzler held on to Barbetta. The latter was locked up in the Stagg street station and a general alarm was sent out for the man who was with him.

Italians of the Williamsburg colony told the police that nine years ago Joseph Barbetta, brother of the slayer, led Di Giovanni's wife astray and then fled to America. Antonio took up the quarrel and there was much bad blood while the families remained in Italy. All of them came to America several years ago. Last June Joseph turned up in Williamsburg and Mrs. Di Giovanni tried to kill him. She shot him in the right shoulder and was arrested for it. Since that time there have been more rows between the families, Antonio taking his brother's part.

Williamsburg Italians were wildly excited by the shooting and came to the police station in droves. The reserves had to be ordered out to clear the street.

BRISTOL WEAVERS

EXPECT A CHANGE IN THE WORK IN THE MILL.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 17.—A mass meeting of the Bristol mill weavers was held this noon to talk over what is expected will be a change in some of the work in that mill. In consequence of reports that the weavers in that mill who are working on print looms are soon to be asked to operate twelve looms instead of eight as now, the weavers' union called the meeting. The subject was informally discussed and the meeting adjourned until next Wednesday evening when it is expected that the action will be taken. The Bristol mill weavers, knowing that the proposition to take extra looms in Fall River was one of the prime causes in the trouble there, mean to take the matter in hand before such a proposition gets too far along.

GOT LICENSE BACK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—The license of Benjamin F. Conklin, who was chief engineer of the excursion steamer General Slocum when she was burned in East River with the frightful loss of life, was returned to him today. After hearing all the evidence Captain Harris, supervising inspector, held that the charges against Conklin were not sustained.

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BODIES OF DEAD

Were Heaped Together on Battlefield

CHEFOO, Dec. 19, 1.30 p. m.—A Japanese camp-follower who saw a portion of the fighting at 203 Metre Hill and who arrived here from Dalny today, says that Commander Mizzeneoff's description of the fight is not exaggerated. He believes, however, that the Russian losses were heavier than stated by Commander Mizzeneoff, as the Russians repeatedly brought up reinforcements until it seemed that the entire garrison must have been in that section. Russian dead, he said, were indiscriminately mingled with the heaps of Japanese dead. The slope of 203 Metre Hill being smooth, the Japanese prepared for their advance by shelling the hillside. The shells in exploding hollowed out footholds. In some instances the Japanese found protection behind the heaps of their own dead.

TOGO'S REPORT ON JAPANESE WORK

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—11 a. m. Vice Admiral Togo's report on the torpedo operations against the Russian turret ship Sevastopol was received today. It says:

"On the night of Dec. 14, our torpedo flotillas made a gallant and brave series of attacks against the Russian turret ship Sevastopol."

The flotillas arrived outside the entrance to Port Arthur about midnight on that date. The leading flotilla, under Commander Unchida and a special torpedo boat party for attack and partly to reconnoitre, approached the Sevastopol at 1 o'clock and under the searchlights and fire of the enemy's ship and shore batteries they attacked her.

"A shell struck Commander Mitamura's torpedo boat and four shots hit Commander Nakamuta's boat, wounding three sailors.

"Subsequently our flotillas attacked, acting independently.

"Flotilla A, Commander Kusama, advanced first for the purpose of destroying the defenses protecting the Sevastopol and also to draw and direct the fire under the enemy's searchlight. Flotilla D, Commander Jinkuji, flotilla C, Commander Otaki, flotilla K, Commander Zeki and Flotilla E, Commander Kawase, approached successfully and bravely continued the attack from 2 until 4 o'clock in the morning.

"Commander Otaki's flotilla approached the closest and delivered the most vigorous attack.

"While retreating one torpedo boat received several shots simultaneously, her commander, Lieutenant Nakahori, and five others being killed. The boat lost her freedom of motion and Lieutenant Nakahara's boat went to the rescue and despite the heavy fire endeavored to save her. While towing the boat the enemy's shells severed the hawsers. Lieutenant Nakahara's boat was also hit and one man killed. Subsequently several shells hit and almost disabled Lieutenant Nakahara's boat, forcing him to abandon his comrade ship which was sinking. Lieutenant Nakahara, however, steamed back and rescued the crew and abandoned the torpedo boat to her fate.

"Commander Kawase's boat, belonging to the same flotilla, was struck by a shell, killing one of the crew and wounding Lieut. Takahashi and two sailors.

"Lieut. Shono's boat was hit and one of the crew killed and five wounded. The boat was temporarily disabled but his comradeships, with Lieut. S. Watanabe and Mori commanding, protected her and rescued her. All the other boats bravely facing the enemy's fire succeeded in delivering attacks without suffering any damage.

"The result of their attacks is not definitely known, although it is evident that numerous torpedoes took effect.

"The watch tower, reporting on the following morning, said that the Sevastopol had lowered at the bows considerably, facing toward the south southeast. Her condition is such that she does not change her position in the current. She is anchored close in the shore, in the shallow water.

"It is a source of satisfaction that our torpedo attacks were delivered without the least confusion. Each boat rendered material assistance to its comrades. The skilful manoeuvring and bravery of the officers and men inspires me with a deep feeling of satisfaction and confidence."

REMARKABLE STRUGGLE FOR HIGH HILL

CHEFOO, Dec. 19.—For ferocity and sustained desperation on both sides, the struggle for the possession of High hill, probably was the most remarkable in the history of the siege of Port Arthur—a siege noted for slaughter.

This statement is based on an interview which the correspondent of the Associated Press had with Commander Mizzeneoff, executive officer of the battleship Poltava, up to the time the vessel was dismantled, and who left Port Arthur in a sail boat Dec. 15 and arrived here Dec. 16, bearing despatches which were turned over to the Russian consul for transmission to St. Petersburg. These despatches, it is understood, consist partly of a statistical report of the effect of the Japanese bombardments and there is nothing in them to indicate that General Stoessel is without hope that the fortress will be able to hold out.

Commander Mizzeneoff, who was wounded in the leg during the battle of High hill, said to the Associated Press correspondent:

"Since the Japanese, on the 28th, began their attack on High hill, which they call 203-Metre hill, the fighting has been continuous. The steep and sandy slopes of the hill were streaked and dotted with snow when the Japanese began the battle which was destined to furnish so many deeds of heroism that they became commonplace. There was so much slaughter that even Port Arthur's war-hardened veterans shuddered at the sight.

"The enemy went down in squads and companies, but there were always others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise, as was that of our men. Sometimes the fighting was hand-to-hand, with the muzzles of the rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords.

"The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of them had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness surcease from their dying agonies.

"When the Japanese retired under an artillery fire, the Russians re-occupied the summit.

"The second and third assaults were replicates of the first, although the second was the most ferocious, being nearly all hand-to-hand fighting in which mercy was neither asked nor given.

"The Japanese adopted a curious expedient which assisted them greatly in the third assault. They had prepared huge piles of wood, coal and cornstalks which they ignited, the wind being in the faces of the Russians. The resultant fire was immense and the flames and smoke compelled the Russians to retire.

"The red glare from the fire disclosed a ghastly picture more infernal than ever dreamed by Dante.

"The assaults thus far had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men, while our own were under 2000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood and every visible spot was dyed crimson.

"Following the third assault, an armistice of five hours was agreed in order to bury the dead.

"In this task great speed was necessary. The Japanese undoubtedly made many awful mistakes and beyond doubt heaps containing many helpless wounded were shoveled into pits and trenches. The Japanese could not owing to the darkness and their feverish haste, distinguish between the dead and wounded.

"Scarcely an officer participating in the battle of High hill escaped unhurt and the proportion of young officers killed was very high."

BON MARCHE JUNGLE

MME. SCHELL RETAINED ANOTHER WEEK.

This fearless little woman, who has thrilled thousands of people during the past week by her feats of daring within the cage of wild forest lions, will hold over for this week which, however, will positively be the last. Commencing with today, the Jungle will open every day at 10 a. m. to accommodate the morning shoppers, and the full program of entertainment will be given, including free donkey rides for the little ones.

MISSING JEWELS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—In the arrest of Robert Baeckelein, clerk in the Hotel Stratford, the police think they have a possible clue to the disappearance from the hotel on Thanksgiving day of $30,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. E. C. Benedict.

He is said to have been on duty at the hotel when Mrs. Benedict is alleged to have lost the gems.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Hannah O'Donoghue, late of Lowell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate by Katie O'Donoghue who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lowell in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of December A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing post paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Acting Register.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Hotel for sale, Bridgeport, Conn.; city eighty thousand; lease three years; thirty rooms, parlor and bar-room; steam heat, electric light and gas. Rent one hundred and thirty. New license price four thousand dollars. Address Hugh Mackinnon, Hotel Emerson, Bridgeport, Conn.

FOR SALE—On Rogers street, Belvidere, two story, ten room house with bath and pantry and seven thousand feet of land all fenced in. Smith & Cavanaugh, Donovan building, Central st.

GIRL MURDERED

He Body Found on Mt. Cutler

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 19.—The body of a white woman apparently about 18 years old, has been found on Mount Cutler by two surveyors. An attempt to destroy the features, supposedly to prevent identification, had been made. Detectives have been unable to establish the girl's identity but advance the theory that she was a tourist from the east. The girl had been dead a week or ten days when the body was found.

Telegrams have been sent to the chiefs of police, of Philadelphia, St. Louis and other cities, giving a complete description as far as possible of the dead girl. Near where the body was found the officers discovered a card bearing the name and address of a St. Louis man, and a prescription blank bearing the name of Dr. F. Kline Baker, 3019 Diamond street, Philadelphia, and the name of Comp, druggist, Thirtieth and Diamond streets, Philadelphia.

DR. BAKER'S STORY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Word was received here last night that a prescription blank bearing the name and address of Dr. F. Kline Baker, 3019 Diamond street, Philadelphia, was found near the spot on Cutler mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo., where the body of a young woman was found. Dr. Baker said last night that he knew nothing of the case. He explained the presence of his prescription blanks by saying that he spent several days at Colorado Springs last summer and that he carried with him a pad of his prescription blanks for the purpose of making memoranda. He says he may have dropped some of them and that they may have been blown about by the wind. He remembers having given one to a photographer who took his photograph.

Christmas Gift Sale

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of John Moffatt, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Nellie Sullivan, of Lowell in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Joseph H. Hamm of Everett in said County, that he was lawfully married to Kittie B. Hamm, now of Clyde River, Prince Edward Island, Canada, at Medford in said County on the 5th day of September A. D. 1891, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Kittie B. lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Everett, that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Kittie B., being wholly regardless of the same, at Everett on or about the 18th day of May A. D. 1900 utterly deserted your libellant and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Kittie B.

Dated this 25th day of November A. D. 1904.

JOSEPH H. HAMM.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, December 6, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court,

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Susan Murray, late of Lowell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by James F. Murray who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lowell in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of December A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Acting Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Catherine M. Buckley of Lowell in said County, that she was lawfully married to John William Buckley now of Brooklyn in the State of New York at Manchester in the State of New Hampshire on the tenth day of November A. D. 1899, and thereafterwards your libellant lived in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell for five years last preceding the filing of this libel, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said John William Buckley being wholly regardless of the same, at Manchester in the State of New Hampshire on or about March 1st, 1894 did utterly desert your libellant and the same has continued for three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said John William Buckley.

Dated this nineteenth day of September, A. D. 1904.

CATHERINE M. BUCKLEY.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, November 23, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell in the County of Middlesex once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THERE WILL BE a sale at Brothers Hall, Suffolk st. Thursday evening in aid of the poor of St. Patrick's parish, people wishing to send eatables, jelly, etc., will leave them at the hall Thursday afternoon.

REMOVES moles, wrinkles, freckles and black heads without steam or harming the complexion at the New York Hair Dressing Parlors, 97 Central st., Room 5.

WALL PAPER of good quality and a practical man to hang it, $2 per room, discount for quantities. T. H. Siddeley, 780 Gorham st.

PARK VIEW RESTAURANT, 183 East Merrimack st., just opened. Rooms if required. J. Darch, Prop.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL PRESENTS—A good doll carriage or a handsome doll given away with a pound of Tea or two pounds of Coffee. Calendars given to customers. Dickson's Tea Store, 63 Merrimack st.

WILL THE PERSON who made a mistake in money call at 25 Cross st., Mrs. D. Lyons, and identify it. Can have same by paying for this adv.

GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHES cleaned and pressed, rates reasonable, special prices to weekly customers. Stanislus Blondin, 225 Cumberland Road.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others, without security, easy payments, offices in 60 leading cities. Tolman, room 43, Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack st.

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MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

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TO LET

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms in good repair. Inquire at 7 Newhall st., store.

TO LET—First class modern tenement of 9 rooms, near Normal school. Inquire 33 Columbus Ave. or telephone 1045-3.

TO LET—Two furnished rooms for housekeeping with gas, bath and heat. Apply Weston house, 209 Appleton st.

TO LET—One large front room with heat, light and bath, hot and cold water, furnished, on sunny side of street; young couple preferred, at 106 Mt. Vernon st.

TO LET—Furnished room at cor. Bridge and Third sts.

TO LET—1 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut st.

TO LET—Pleasant tenements in Centralville $4.50 per month and upward. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

TO LET—Boarding house of 15 rooms Inquire of John Whitty, 152 Market st.

TO LET—Cottage of seven rooms, bath, hot and cold water. Keys at 20 B st.

TO LET—Convenient locality 10-room house, furnace heat, all improvements, a pleasant street, could let rooms. Apply Charles M. Erskine, room 32, Hildreth Building.

TO LET—A cottage house of 7 rooms, hot and cold water and bath, furnace. 102 Bowers st., also tenement of six rooms 78 Mt. Vernon st., equipped same as cottage. Inquire at 96 Bowers st.

TO LET—Nice tenement of five rooms with toilet. Newly painted and papered. 826 Fletcher st.

TO LET—12 room house near Shaw Stocking Co., fine location for boarders, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers' Hall.

TO LET—Several 5-room flats near the mills, everything new, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers Hall.

TO LET—Fine modern residence, 60 Sheldon street. Eight rooms, hot and cold water, cemented cellar floor and all latest improvements. Apply M. O'Donnell, St. James Hotel.

TO LET—Very convenient front and side room, single or otherwise, modern conveniences, reasonable to respectable parties. 271 Gorham st. opp. Court House.

TO LET—A finely appointed flat, 220 Liberty st. Everything new, large rooms, open plumbing, steam heat. On line of street cars. Inquire at 241 Liberty st.

TO LET—6 beautiful flats, with bath room and hot and cold water in the New Nolan Block at the junction of Central and Chapel sts. Everything in first class order, for further particulars inquire of John Nolan, 844 Central st.

WANTED

CASH PAID for apples at car, Thorndike st. track. Bring along your apples, take back your money and barrels. Harrison & Co., 20 Chelmsford st.

WANTED—Baby to board in a desirable home. Inquire 668 Pleasant st., Drucut Centre.

WANTED—Children to board in country, desirable home; terms reasonable. Address Nelson, R. F. D., Billerica Centre.

WANTED—For cash 25 or 30 early pullets any breed. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED—Stable manure in large or small lots. Telephone or drop postal to H. W. Foster, R. D., No. 1.

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FOR SALE—Safe and cash register. Call or address Green, 35 East Merrimack st.

FOR SALE—First class variety store, illness the cause. Apply Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—8-room house, good condition, first-class neighborhood, modern improvements, price low. Apply Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—Collie puppies, sable and white, all ages. Drop a postal for what you want. Thistle Kennels, Box 466, City.

FOR SALE—Handsome young canaries, warranted good singers, price $2 each at 57 Tyler st.

FOR SALE—Here is a chance, 22 room lodging house, only $200. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Tobacco store, A1 location. If taken this week, only $125. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Fine singing canaries for sale at 155 West Sixth st.

FOR SALE—A covered pung, side doors, glass front, in first class condition, suitable for baker or milkman. Call at Roscoe's paint shop, Willie st.

LEGAL TRADING STAMPS—Special. We give 150 with one pound of our 70c tea; 100 with our 60c tea; 80 with our 50c tea; 30 with our 35c coffee; 120 with one pound Baking Powder at 50c; 50 with vanilla extracts, etc., 25c. The Elwood Tea Co., Junction of Gorham and Thorndike sts.

P. COGGER, the truckman sells all kinds of wood at a low price. $1 extra for sawing. 433 Riverside st. Tel., Con.

MISCELLANEOUS

WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.—Before buying an Xmas present call and see our special rotary machine, it is the lightest and fastest running machine in the market, second hand machines for sale, lock and chain stitch, 376 Bridge st.

WANTED—"Science and Health" by Mrs. Eddy. Editions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Address X Q Z 5, Sun office.

MRS. CLARA ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office, 355 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

THE WONDERFUL new drink Gloria gives health and youthful vigor. Boyle Bros. Agents. Telephone.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A silver watch and chain on Bridge st. at Merrimack, square Friday about 8.30. Finder please return to Michael Hanney, 27 Phillip st., city.

FOUND—A pocketbook containing a sum of money. Call at 13 Barristers hall.

LOST—Envelope containing sum of money between Lane st. and Appleton Co. office, Jackson st. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to 37 Lane st.

FOUND—A sum of money. Call on Letter Carrier 38 at Post Office.

FOUND—Wrist bag containing money. Inquire evenings at 17 Andover st.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday some where between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

SITUATIONS WANTED

SITUATION WANTED—By a Swede girl to do general housework. Call at 18 Manchester st.

WANTED—A situation by a thoroughly experienced stenographer and bookkeeper. Would make herself generally useful in an office. Good references. Address C. J., Sun Office.

MIDDLE AGED LADY would like to take care of two children. Address L., Sun Office.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—One or two sober, steady, reliable men, for permanent out door positions. Must be of neat appearance. Apply Room 5, 5 Merrimack square.

WANTED—Any person to distribute our samples; $18 weekly, steady. "Empire" 4 Wells st., Chicago.

WANTED—10 men in each state to travel, tack signs and distribute samples and circulars of our goods. Salary $75 per month, $3 per day for expenses. Kuhlman Co., Dept. D 16, Atlas Block, Chicago.

WANTED—Circulars and sample distributors wanted everywhere. No canvassing. Good pay. Co-Operative Adv. Co., N. Y.

WANTED—Watchman for small manufactory; 35 horse power boiler. Man licensed to run small engine preferred. State experience and give references. Address P. O. Box 1066, Lowell, Mass.

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WANTED—A house girl at 147 Crosby st.

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WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl, 20-21 Boott Corp. Mrs. Osgood.

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Every One in a Dainty Box.

We regret our inability to supply the demand last week for our 50c Corset Covers in boxes; we could get the covers but not the boxes. We have just received 500, but they are for prompt folks only.

The White Store

114-116 Merrimack St.

LOWELL

HUMANE SOCIETY

Has a list of worthy poor and destitute families which it would like to make happy Christmas and would like the charitably inclined to send in contributions of second-hand clothing of all kinds, especially children's, also toys, books, dolls and money. Leave at office of the society, 71 Central street, with Derby & Morse, Middle street, or send a postal and goods will be called for.

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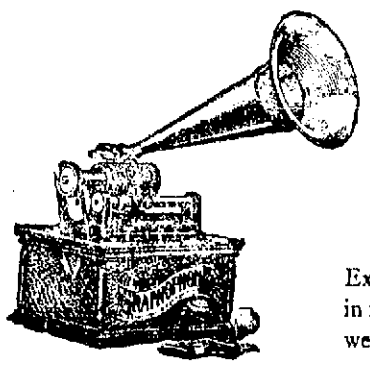

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62 CENTRAL STREET

THE STORM'S DAMAGE

Cape Cod District Was Strewn With Wreckage

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A storm which early reached the proportions of a hurricane swept over southeastern New England yesterday. The snow fall, especially along the coast from New London to Cape Cod, was unsually heavy, while a wind velocity of sixty miles an hour was reported at Block Island.

As usual shipping and telegraph lines suffered severely, but to a late hour last night, no loss of life had been reported. For the second time within six years, Vineyard Haven, the favorite anchorage for coastwise shipping, proved a trap for the northeast gale, which blowing directly into the harbor tore fifteen schooners from their moorings and sent them careening through a fleet that completely filled the basin and finally drove them ashore, fortunately on soft bottom.

Collisions were of course, frequent, and a number of schooners which managed to hang onto their anchor chains suffered.

Across the sound at Woods Hole, a small schooner was driven ashore, but not damaged.

Fifty miles farther to the westward at Fishers Island, three light barges were driven ashore, but so far as could be learned last night, no one was lost.

News from Cape Cod, the scene of so many disasters, came by train last night, for the first time since 1898. Every wire east and south of Wareham, Mass., was prostrated by the gale. Hundreds of poles were snapped off between Buzzard's bay and Harwich. The wires from that point to Provincetown were in somewhat better shape, owing to the fact that the snow on that part of the cape turned to rain before the storm reached its height.

Train service on the cape was delayed but little.

The storm must have been fearful south of Martha's Vineyard and on the route of the trans-Atlantic liners between Nantucket lightship and New York.

That some of the larger of the coastwise fleet successfully weathered the gale in that vicinity, was shown yesterday afternoon, when the big seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson came up Vineyard sound. The Lawson must have gone through the storm off Gay Head.

The snow fall reached nearly three feet on the southern New England coast and street railway lines were badly crippled.

Further inland the storm was not as severe, and in this city it was scarcely more than an ordinary winter disturbance.

It will be several days probably before the full ravages of the gale are learned, and then it is feared will come the tragedies.

STEAMERS DELAYED

STORM ALONG THE COAST A SEVERE ONE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The snow storm and gale which struck the coast Saturday afternoon and continued until the early hours of yesterday, was the most violent that has occurred for several years. Reports from the New Jersey and New England coast and from incoming steamers tell of furious gales and many disasters. Off the Bay Head, N. J., life-saving station the schooner Lizzie H. Brayton, bound from Baltimore for Providence, R. I., went ashore.

The Cunarder Umbria, and the American liner St. Paul, both of which arrived yesterday, reported heavy weather and adverse gales during the whole passage. The Anchor line steamer Astoria, bound for Glasgow, went ashore today in the lower bay but was later floated without injury and proceeded.

Most of the Sound steamers were late in arriving at their piers. The Fall River boat Pilgrim from Fall River reported very heavy weather, being forced to anchor for half an hour off Stamford, Conn. She was about an hour late reaching her dock. Other boats reported difficulty in navigating owing to the storm, and most were from half to an hour late in docking.

In the river and harbor the traffic was for a while during the worst of the storm almost at a standstill. So heavy was the snowfall that lights could be seen on the river a boat's length ahead, and ferryboats and other craft proceeded at a diminished headway, blowing whistles and feeling their way cautiously through the blinding snow storm.

No accidents of any moment were reported.

In the city the snow which began yesterday afternoon, fell almost without intermission until early this morning. Eight inches fell. There was little interruption of traffic, 13,000 snow shovelers and four thousand teams being set to work as soon as the snow ceased falling to clear the principal thoroughfares.

At the Grand Central station it was said last night that the train service had not been interrupted by the storm.

Three feet of snow on the level was recorded in the East End of Long Island.

AT CAPE COD

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE CUT OFF.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Communication with Cape Cod by telephone and telegraph, broken off by Sunday's storm, was still interrupted today, though hundreds of linemen were at work making repairs. Trains were delayed and news from cape points by mail and messenger could not be expected to reach here today much before noon. The telephone lines were intact to Wareham, about 50 miles from Boston, and Buzzard's bay, about 55 miles from Boston, could be reached by telegraph, but as these points are about 30 miles from points on the southern side of the cape and about 75 miles from Provincetown, at the end of Cape Cod, practically no news had reached either place since Sunday evening.

Such additional information as had been received indicted that the earlier reports of storm damage had not been exaggerated. The snow is from two to four feet deep and in many places drifted so as to block highways and shut car lines. The wind which blew at times 40 miles an hour had strewn the cape with broken telegraph poles, trees and other wreckge.

No additional news had reached either Buzzard's bay or Wareham early today about the many vessels driven ashore at Vineyard Haven or concerning other marine disasters along the cape shore.

NO COMMUNICATION

CAPE COD DISTRICT IS CUT OFF SOUTH OF WAREHAM.

WAREHAM, Mass., Dec. 19.—The entire Cape Cod district south of Wareham was practically cut off today, telephonic communication being impossible and telegraph wires south of Buzzard's Bay being out of order on account of yesterday's storm. According to reports received by train today, many telegraph poles were blown down during yesterday's gale, wrecking and entangling wires so that communication was interrupted to all points south. Telegraph wires used by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad were in the same condition as the public line. This, however, was the only inconvenience or damage suffered by the railroad company.

Electric cars on the Middleboro, Wareham & Buzzard's Bay street railway could not pass further south than Wareham on account of the snow.

Goods at low prices. Oriental Bazaar.

THE LAND FRAUDS

Senator and Congressman Face Charges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Post today says:

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann of Oregon left Washington last night for Portland to appear before the federal grand jury and face charges which, they have been advised, have been made, implicating them in Oregon land frauds. Both Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann declare in most positive terms that they are absolutely innocent and have nothing to fear from returning to Oregon. Both assert with equal positiveness that the time has come when "this outrageous persecution must stop." They will insist upon their right to go before the grand jury and make answer to all charges that may be made against them, confident that they will be able to establish their innocence. They expect to have a hearing on Saturday.

When asked last night why he had decided to return to Portland at this time, after having declined to go as a witness when summoned by subpoena a week ago, Senator Mitchell said:

"I was advised yesterday by telegrams, from Portland that it was reported there that Puerto, Watson and others had made confessions implicating me and that there would be an effort to bullet me and Hermann before the grand jury which meets tomorrow. A week ago when I was called as a witness, I had no intimation that it was claimed that I was implicated in any way and I did not feel it my duty to go and sacrifice public business. But the moment I was advised that I was being attacked personally I concluded I was justified in sacrificing public business and everything else to go and defend my character against assaults that I know to be without any foundation whatever."

Representative Hermann expressed himself in a similar manner.

GRAND JURY SESSION.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 19.—As ordered by Judge Bellinger when the second of the land fraud cases were postponed until next April, the United States grand jury will reconvene today.

This session without doubt will be the most important meeting ever held on the Pacific coast. Government representatives decline to make any statement regarding the probable acts of the jury, but rumors are rife concerning the possible indictment of well known men in legal political circles throughout the country, as well as a number of others not so important in the community.

One rumor is to the effect that some of those who were convicted 10 days ago have offered certain evidence in the hope of escaping with nominal sentences.

Order your Xmas trimmings and flowers, McManmon, florist, and get them at first cost.

B. T. I. OFFICERS

ANNUAL ELECTION WAS HELD YESTERDAY.

The regular meeting of the Burke Temperance Institute was held in their rooms in the Union National bank building yesterday afternoon and considerable business of importance was transacted. One of the features of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing six months, which resulted as follows:

THOMAS M. KEEGAN.

President, Thomas M. Keegan; vice-president, Michael F. Manning; treasurer, John Winn; financial secretary, Thomas C. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis P. Duggan; spiritual director, Rev. Hugh McDermod; board of trustees, John H. McGuinness, James J. Redmond, James Wynne. The institute has been growing rapidly in membership and the work the members are putting into the society will show in the near future something that will surprise the public at large.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Christmas Presents

Girls' and Boys' Sleds, Skates, Guns, Rubber Toys, Razors, Shaving Mugs, Pocket Knives, Boys' Tool Chests, Child's Carpet Sweepers, Desks, Swan Rockers, Rocking Chairs.

When making a Christmas present give a gift that is practical, such as a pair of skates or a sled for the children. We have goods suitable to old and young and our prices are always the lowest. If you are thinking of making a Christmas present and do not know what you want, just call at our store and you can surely find what you want. Remember the place.

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Santa Claus and Toyland
AWAIT YOUR COMING

Santa receives in the morning from 10.30, until 11.30, in afternoon from 2.30 until 4 o'clock.

Toyland is here for your inspection all day long. Store is open every night this week.

But for your sake and our sake do your shopping in the morning if you can.

The Jungle is a big drawing card. Special attractions every week. Free donkey rides for the children. Upwards of 200 wild animals and birds. This attraction is located at 67 Middle Street. Free ticket with every purchase of 50c or more.

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The sleigh bells have begun to jingle.

Considerable interest will center in Mayor-elect Caseys coming inaugural.

In order to make his bill thoroughly effective Representative Luce will have to invent a means of counting the votes, unless competent men be appointed for the purpose.

Mr. Roosevelt has demonstrated that he can be brief on some subjects by the manner in which he dismisses the questions of the pensions and Porto Rico, for example—New Bedford Standard.

And on the tariff was he not still more brief?

Twenty nationalities were represented in the 1433 steerage passengers which Cunard liner Saxonia brought to Boston Saturday from Liverpool. Hungarians were in the preponderance, 289; the English came next, 171; then the Swedes 154, Finns 149, Norwegians 49, Irish 46, Austrians 44, Scotch 24, Danish 14, Belgians 14, Armenians 14, Germans 12, Hollanders 11, French 6, Polish 5, Roumanians 3, Galatians 2, Syrians 2, and Spanish 1. If variety is the spice of Americanism, do we not tend mostly to allspice?—Lewiston Journal.

It is seldom the passengers of a Cunarder are so evenly divided among the nationalities. Occasionally the big steamers will have a load nearly all of one nationality. It is only after the rush is over that odds and ends take on a cosmopolitan complexion.

SOME ALLEGED MISTAKES.

Mayor McClellan of New York, soon after entering office, was led to sign the Remsen gas bill, a measure disadvantageous to the city, and Grout, the city comptroller, has also apparently surrendered to the gas monopoly so that there is an opportunity for their enemies to criticize them severely despite the fact that both may have fallen into a trap unsuspectingly. Grout is especially culpable in having approved charges which he refused to approve under Low's administration. Injunction proceedings are the result with a lot of mud-slinging at the mayor and the Tammany forces supposed to be behind him. It is hard to agree on matters of this kind.

A SORRY SPECTACLE.

It is to be hoped that the taxpayers of Lowell will for the future be saved the ignominy of seeing a member of the city council under the influence of liquor while the branch to which he belongs is in session. In session or out of session, the councilman or alderman who gets intoxicated and makes a show of himself, should be promptly retired. What good can be expected from a man who has no greater appreciation of his official duties than to enter a meeting in a so-called "mellow" condition? We are confident that next year's council will show no such exhibition.

WHY WERE THEY ALL SILENT.

How came it that while Mrs. Chadwick had out from $13,000,000 to $25,000,000 of forged notes all lodged in banks as collateral, yet not one bank took the trouble to inquire of Andrew Carnegie if the notes were really signed by him? Nothing but regard for his feelings on the assumption that Mrs. Chadwick was an illegitimate daughter of the multi-millionaire can explain such self-sacrificing silence. How dearly they have paid for their considerate regard of Mr. Carnegie's feelings!

SCANDALOUS ERRORS IN ELECTION RETURNS.

The number of mistakes discovered in the election returns is really scandalous. It shows that the men who did the counting in the precincts where the errors were made, are either wholly incompetent or grossly careless. In either case, they were not the right men to have charge of such important work. It is plain that many of the men appointed for the purpose are placed there to draw the day's pay without any consideration whatever as to their fitness or their ability to perform the duties of the position. The result is that almost the entire work must be done over again. If a rule were put in force providing that the precinct officers who make such blunders shall not be paid for their services, they would be more careful and probably more accurate.

DASTARDLY PROPOSITION.

The proposition of the cotton merchants of Courtland, Ala., to burn up 1,000,000 bales of cotton in order to raise the price of the remainder is one of the most wicked schemes proposed in this country for years. Certainly the men who made this proposition will bear watching. Will they not endeavor to limit the crop next year or to keep down the supply to order to keep up the price? What the people of this country need is a greater supply in order to bring the cheapest cotton fabrics within the means of the poor. There is almost as much to be made by raising cotton under favorable conditions as there is in the manufacture of cotton under the unfavorable conditions which prevail at present.

This proposition to burn about one-twelfth of the cotton crop shows to what expedients the cotton growers would resort. It will alienate the sympathy and support of the purchasers of cotton throughout the country. When speculators want a corner on cotton they tie it up so that it cannot be reached but that is not quite so bad as burning it.

WHEN IS THE NON-VOTER JUSTIFIED?

Whether voters are bound to go to the polls on election day is under discussion. A voter may have no interest in the outcome. He may like one set of candidates as well as another, so that he would be doing violence to his conscience if he voted for either side. Under such conditions a voter exercises his franchise best by remaining away from the polls. But if he remains away because he has been offered money for refusing to support his party, or because he does not take interest enough in the election to bother going to the polls, then he is if not a traitor, at least a delinquent as far as the exercise of the franchise goes.

President Capen of Tufts college, advocates imposing a fine on all those who fail to vote at elections. This would probably be considered a hardship, and it would be impossible to compel any man to vote under the Australian system. If forced to go to the polls against his will he could cast a blank ballot which to him would serve the same purpose as staying at home. The best way to overcome the apathy of voters is to stigmatize those who do not vote as neglecting to perform one of the most important duties of citizenship. This will have a better effect than any measure of coercion.

SEEN AND HEARD

The first time a young man gives a girl a box of chocolates, she begins to think just what he will say when he proposes to her.

A friend of mine, a traveling man, loaded me with advice a few days ago and concluded with the following: "When you are in a country hotel up in Vermont and see the sign 'Reading room,' on a closed door, don't go in. It is a bar-room."

Never tell your employer that he can't get along without you. Some men refuse to take a dare.

Don't hide your light under a bushel. A quart measure may be plenty big enough.

When a man's hens are laying busily he attributes their energy to the good judgment with which he feeds them. When they stop he blames the hens.

Even if it weren't wrong to play golf on Sunday there are those who would find pleasure in it.

Much of the talking that we do might have more result if people would only listen to it.

Pretty near time to prepare your list of resolutions for the new year.

The wind was east and the chimney smoked,
And the old brown house seemed dreary,
For nobody smiled, and nobody joked,
The young folks grumbled, the old folks croaked;
They had come home chilled and weary.

Then opened the door, and a girl came in;
Oh, she was homely—very!
Her nose was pug, and her cheek was thin,
There wasn't dimple from brow to chin,
But her smile was bright and cheery.
She spoke not a word of the cold and slump
Nor yet of the gloom about her,
But she mended the fire and lighted the lamp,
And she put on the place a different stamp
From that it had without her.

Her dress, which was something in sober brown,
And with dampness nearly dripping,
She changed for a bright, warm, crimson gown,
And she looked so gay when she came down,
They forgot the air was nipping.

They forgot that the house was a dull old place,
And smoky from base to rafter,
And gloom departed from every face,
As they felt the charm of her mirthful grace,
And the cheer of her happy laughter.
Oh, give the girl who will smile and sing,
And make all glad together!
To be plain or fair is a lesser thing,
But a kind, unselfish heart can bring
Good cheer in the darkest weather.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

IN THE RULES FOR STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A number of important changes in the rules and regulations of the board of supervising inspectors of the steamboat inspection service have been approved by Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor. These changes are the result of the recent protracted meeting of the board of supervising inspectors of the service, which followed soon after the General Slocum disaster at New York in which nearly 1000 lives were lost.

The changes, among other things, require metal air tanks in wooden life boats; prohibit the use of lode or compressed granulated cork in life preservers or the use of kapok preservers; require one life preserver for every passenger and member of the crew of all vessels and portable fire extinguishers on all passenger steamers, proportioned in number to the tonnage of the boat; added requirements as to discipline of crews in fire and boat drills.

NATIONALIST LEADER

WELCOMED ON HIS RETURN FROM BANISHMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The nationalist leader, Marcel Habert, whose five years' banishment for participation in a plot to overthrow the government, expired at midnight Saturday night, was welcomed at the Orleans station here yesterday by a crowd of several thousand. The demonstration was enthusiastic but not disorderly. Habert and other chiefs of the nationalists urged moderation. Last evening there was a great meeting at St. Paul's riding school, where Habert formally resumed direction of the league of patriots. The meeting resolved on a vigorous campaign in favor of Paul Deroulede and other exiles.

FIRE IN STATE HOSPITAL.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The Middletown state hospital narrowly escaped destruction by fire Saturday night. The coolness of the attendants and the excellence of the fire drill averted a panic among the patients and the fire was got under control after three floors had been flooded with water. The damage was large.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 19.—W. F. Bowen a private of the marine guard on the prison ship Southery at the navy yard, fell from the upper to the lower deck, a distance of 25 feet, yesterday, and was instantly killed. Bowen was 30 years old. He enlisted at Perry, Me., three years ago.

MAY ARBITRATE

Fall River Textile Council Favors Plan

THE MANUFACTURERS MAY NOT ACCEPT

Settlement of the Trouble is Expected

FALL RIVER, Dec. 19.—For the purpose of doing one of two things—settling the strike, or placing the manufacturers of Fall River on record before the country as unfavorable to entire arbitration—the textile council decided yesterday to secure the consent of the unions to the proposition for arbitration by the National Civic Federation.

Resolutions to that effect were adopted and meetings of the unions have been called for 10.30 Tuesday morning to consider the recommendations of the council.

While it will require a two-thirds vote of the members of each union to accept the proposition, the labor leaders have no doubt that the action of the council will be ratified.

Another session of the textile council will be held Tuesday afternoon, and if the unions accept the proposition, as is likely, the same will be mailed to the manufacturers with a request that it be placed before the general body.

The following record has been placed on the books of the council:

"Fall River, Dec. 18, 1904.—At the meeting of the textile council held in Spinners' hall on the above date, the following resolution was adopted, the same to be submitted to the textile unions for their approval or otherwise:

"Whereas, believing in the justice of our cause and always favoring the grand principles of fair arbitration, and

"Whereas, realizing the continuation of the long and protracted struggle is detrimental to the best interests of our city, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we submit the whole proposition to the members of our respective unions, it being identical with the one submitted to the executive committee of the cotton manufacturers' association:

"All efforts having failed to effect a satisfactory settlement of the strike now existing in our city, we agree to submit the whole subject matter in dispute to a board of arbitration, to be chosen by the National Civic federation from its executive board, and agree to accept their decision as final."

President Tansy of the council made report of the conference proceedings, and all members of the council went on record as strongly in favor of the arbitration proposition. Secretaries Jackson and Whitehead and President John Golden of the U. T. W. drew up the resolutions and they were unanimously adopted.

It is believed that the manufacturers will not accept but some counter proposition may result.

President Borden of the manufacturers declined to say whether the proposition will be submitted to the general body.

GIRL MURDERED

CLINCHING IRON MAY FURNISH CLUE TO ASSAILANT.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Mystery still shrouds the murder of Miss Rose White, the 18-year-old daughter of Harlan White, whose mutilated body was found near Chapmansville, in Logan county, Saturday. The first bit of evidence which may lead to an arrest, came to light yesterday morning when a brand new clinching iron was found lying in the snow about 200 yards from the spot where Miss White's body was discovered.

An investigation has revealed that this clinching iron, which was stained with blood, was purchased the night before the murder at a store in Chapmansville by a well known young man, whose home is 10 miles from the White estate. This young man is missing. It is said that two years ago, while Miss White was still a schoolgirl, this young man was a constant caller at her home. It is stated that the police are upon the trail of a suspect.

MAFIA LEADERS

ARRESTS MADE BY THE SCRANTON POLICE.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 19.—Two arrests were made yesterday by the police of alleged leaders of the Carbondale Mafia. One of them, John Costa, of New York, who has been making monthly visits to the Italian colony and who is said to be the go-between for the New York headquarters and the Carbondale branch of the Mafia, was caught after a round-up of the colony. The warrant for his arrest specifically charges him with shooting Pasquale Cerretti, Nov. 11 last. Cerretti was a member of the organization who made threats to disclose its secrets after he had had a rupture with the officers of the body. The other man arrested is Frank Mazurka, who is accused of levying tribute on Carmen Pretorio under threats to cut him and burn his house. Both prisoners are in jail.

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YOUNG BRYAN

REFUSED TO APOLOGIZE AND WAS SUSPENDED.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 19—Because of his refusal to apologize to an instructor, William J. Bryan, Jr., has been suspended from his class and has ceased the study of chemistry. Bryan is a student in the Lincoln Academy, a preparatory institution to the state university. The instructor insisted on an apology, warning the boy that he could not attend class unless he complied. The son of the twice defeated presidential candidate preferred suspension, maintaining that he had nothing for which to apologize. Neither the academy authorities nor young Bryan will discuss the affair.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke. 984 Gorham street.

HAS THE GOUT

POPE PIUS HAS SUFFERED GREATLY.

ROME, Dec. 19.—St. Peter's was especially decorated for the formal announcement yesterday morning of the beatification of Gaspare del Bufalo, founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood and canon of San Marco, under Pius VII. Yesterday afternoon Pope Pius X., accompanied by the cardinals of the court and all bishops and dignitaries of the church at present in Rome, went to venerate the blessed Del Bufalo. The ceremony had the added object of a demonstration of loyalty. Over 30,000 people crowded the Basilica.

It was much remarked that Pope Pius, instead of walking to St. Peter's, as had been arranged, went in the sedia gestatoria, although that mode of travel invariably causes him nausea. He was unable to walk because of gout, with which he has suffered so much the last few days that he has been obliged to sit during audiences.

Holiday gifts, Oriental Bazaar.

SPURIOUS COIN

WAS CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Two men and a woman who were arraigned in the police court Saturday morning by Central office detectives and remanded for examination, are believed by the police and secret service men to be the persons responsible for a flood of spurious silver coin which had been passed on merchants on the upper and lower East Side and in Harlem during the past four or five weeks.

In the room of the woman, Elizabeth Romber, in East Fourth street, the police discovered a very complete counterfeiting outfit and several hundred counterfeit half dollars and dimes. The other prisoners were Frank Schleiman and John Miller.

CHAPMAN HELD

HE WAS A WELL KNOWN ARTIST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Mystery marks the story of Elwood W. Chapman, 75 years old, an inmate of the Polyclinic hospital in Westchester. Up to the time of his admission to the institution, Chapman lived as a recluse amid valuable paintings of his own and a quantity of antique furniture in an old mansion owned by the city in a remote section of Pelham Bay Park.

Chapman was found ill in the old mansion. After his removal to the hospital a young man named Eugene McClure was arrested for taking pictures and furniture from the house. This incident brought to light the fact that Chapman had been in his early days a prominent marine and landscape artist and at one time was a member of the military staff of Former Governor Wise of Virginia.

When McClure was arraigned Henry Wise, a lawyer, appeared on behalf of Chapman, as prosecutor. Wise says that he is a grandson of the former Virginia governor, upon whose staff Chapman served. Many years ago Chapman became estranged from his wife and friends in Virginia and dropped out of sight.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

Cures Colds; Prevents Pneumonia

KILLED HIMSELF

BOSTON LAW SCHOOL STUDENT COMMITTED SUICIDE.

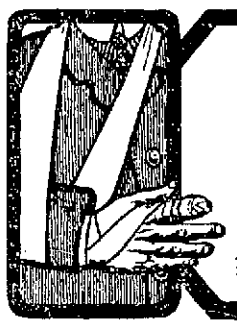
BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The body of Maurice L. Burnce, 24 years old, a student at the Boston University Law school, was found in a room at the Hotel Rexford late last night. A bullet wound was in the right temple and a revolver was clenched in his right hand.

Burnce lived with his parents and sisters at 74 Allen street. He had expected to be graduated last June, but failed to pass the examinations and returned to school again this fall. Saturday he gave a package to his sister and told her not to open it until Sunday night when she would receive a surprise. Last night the girl opened the package and found a note from her brother in which he said that he was discouraged and had resolved to end his life. The police of the West End station were notified and a few moments later word came to the station from the Hotel Rexford that Burnce had killed himself in his room.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke. 984 Gorham street.

MRS. TOM THUMB AT THE CASTO.

Manager Haynes has prepared an excellent program for the present week at the Casto theatre and it is headed by the talented miniature artists Mrs. Tom Thumb, Count and Baron Magri in their bright and witty comedy entitled "Two Strings to Her Bow" which contains many witty lines and humorous situations. The remainder of the program contains all star comedy acts. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.



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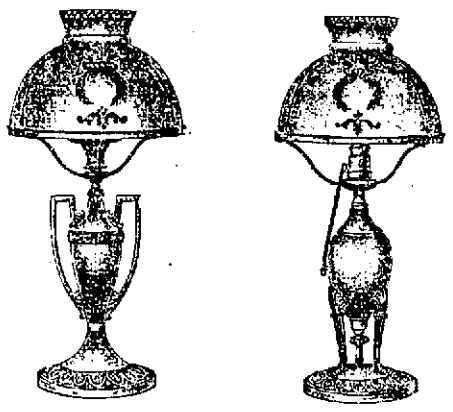

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FACTORY BURNED

Two Men Injured at Worcester Fire

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 19.—Fire this forenoon consumed the annex of the Bradley car factory near the Union railroad station here. Two workmen were badly burned by an explosion that caused the fire. The building burned was about 40 by 80 feet and contained considerable lumber and finishing used in car building. The loss is estimated at about $10,000.

C. N. Anderson, one of two men in the hospital, is severely burned but it is believed he will recover. The other, J. E. Sanley, was less seriously injured.

FUNERALS

MITCHELL—The funeral of the late Peter Mitchell took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his residence, 39 Fourth avenue, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, including a delegation of 60 employes of the local division of the Boston & Northern street railway, of which the deceased was an employe for many years past. The bearers were Thomas Boyle, William Hill and William Mahoney of the Boston & Northern, and Michael McDermott, Daniel Wholey and Patrick McGrath representing the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church. The floral offerings were numerous and included a large mound on base inscribed "His Last Trip, 11.02," from the employes of the Boston & Northern; large pillow inscribed "Father," from the children; spray from passenger friends on the Varnum avenue route; spray, Miss Katherine Maguire; wreath, Mrs. Peter McGauvran and family; spray, friends at Pickering hosiery; and spray from Mrs. A. Allard. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons had charge.

SANDERS—The funeral of Edgar R. Sanders was held from his late residence, 67 Cambridge street, yesterday afternoon. There were large delegations present from the Odd Fellows and from the Boston & Maine trainmen. Mr. Sanders had been on the B. & M. for the past 20 years, having passed the various positions and recently was promoted to conductor. The numerous and beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which he was held by his associates. Among them were: "The Gates Ajar," surmounted by a clock dial with the hands at 8 o'clock, that being the last train that he ran; the Reading Odd Fellows, three links; pillow, the Brotherhood of Trainmen; wreath, Dr. Charles B. Sanders and family, and numerous sprays.

The services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Fisher, and the quartet of the First Universalist church, of which Mr. Sanders was a constant attendant. The bearers were: Ed. Dallon, Paul McDonald, Mr. Willoughby and Fred Ware. The interment was in the Edson cemetery.

Undertaker Currier had charge.

MARQUIS—The funeral of Mrs. William Marquis took place Saturday from her residence, Dracut Navy Yard. Funeral services were held at 8 o'clock at St. Louis's church, Rev. Fr. Jacques officiating. The bearers were: Joseph Sabourin, Julien Boucher, Joseph Rondeau and Elzear Noel. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Jacques officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

RAPSON—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza E. Rapson was held Saturday afternoon from her home in South Lowell and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Rev. Mr. Riggs was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were William Croft, Alfred Chapman, Richard Howe and Harry Shedd. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck had charge.

NUTTING—The funeral services of Mrs. Susan E. Nutting were held yesterday afternoon at her home in Westford. The body will be sent this morning to Bristol, Vt., for burial by Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

DEATHS

BORG—Mr. Thomas E. Borg, aged 28, died at his home, 55 Rea street, yesterday. Deceased leaves a wife, one son and three brothers and a sister. He was a member of Pentucket lodge of Masons, Ahasuerus council of Royal Select Masters, Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter and Pilgrim Commandery, Knights of Templars.

FELLOWS—Mr. James Marcus Fellows, son of the late James K. Fellows, died at the residence of Mr. Horace B. Coburn, 275 Andover street, Saturday, after a short illness. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Deceased was a life long resident of Lowell, having been born and brought up in this city. He received his early education in the public schools of the city and later entered Westford academy from which he was graduated. Later he entered the Mutual Redemption bank of Boston as clerk and several years ago resigned this position and took charge of his father's property. Mr. Fellows was 55 years old at the time of his death.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Horace B. Coburn and Mrs. George A. Hill of this city and Mrs. Charles S. Gowen of New York.

CHURCHILL — Mrs. Athalinda Churchill, widow of Moses Churchill, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Weinbeck in Wentworth avenue, this morning, shortly after midnight, aged 73 years and six months. She had been ill about a week. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Maryett Nason of California; Mrs. Lydia F. Chaney and Mrs. Emily L. Trask, both of this city. She was an old resident of Lowell, having lived here upwards of 60 years. She was a member of the Grace Universalist church.

PERSONALS

A few weeks ago Miss Louise Carpenter, a handsome little miss of Thompson, Conn., came here to visit her aunt, Mrs. Long of Sumner street, and taking ill last wek, her father, Mr. John T. Carpenter, came here to see her. Mr. Carpenter will be remembered as the former superintendent of Hood's Farm. He is now superintendent of a very large farm at Thompson, Conn. Yesterday he visited Hood's Farm and was pleasantly entertained by Mr. Hood and Manager Dodge. Mr. Carpenter when located here was very popular, and during his stay he is being warmly welcomed by many of his former employes at the farm as well as numerous friends throughout this city.

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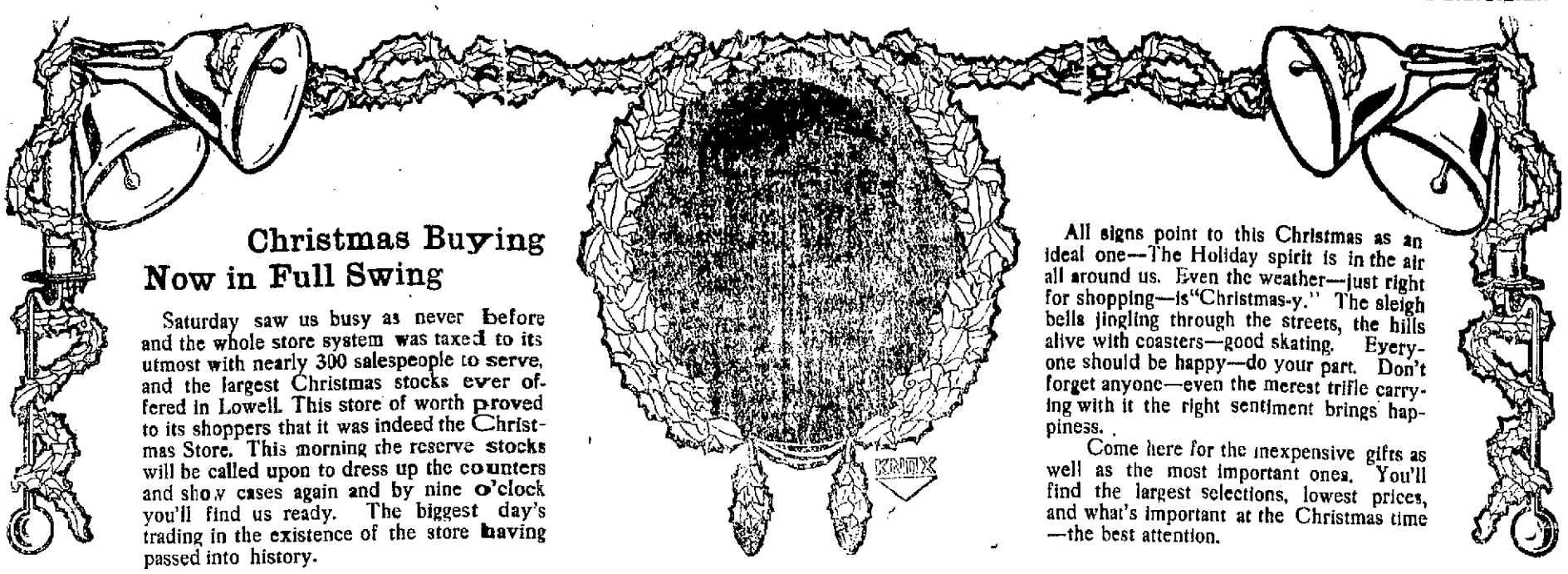


Christmas Buying Now in Full Swing

Saturday saw us busy as never before and the whole store system was taxed to its utmost with nearly 300 salespeople to serve, and the largest Christmas stocks ever offered in Lowell. This store of worth proved to its shoppers that it was indeed the Christmas Store. This morning the reserve stocks will be called upon to dress up the counters and show cases again and by nine o'clock you'll find us ready. The biggest day's trading in the existence of the store having passed into history.

All signs point to this Christmas as an ideal one—The Holiday spirit is in the air all around us. Even the weather—just right for shopping—is "Christmas-y." The sleigh bells jingling through the streets, the hills alive with coasters—good skating. Everyone should be happy—do your part. Don't forget anyone—even the merest trifle carrying with it the right sentiment brings happiness.

Come here for the inexpensive gifts as well as the most important ones. You'll find the largest selections, lowest prices, and what's important at the Christmas time—the best attention.

The Book Store

Made up your mind yesterday for some particular book? Nine chances you'll find it here, or we'll get it right off. The newest fiction, stories for boys and girls, or sober books for deep thinkers. Lowest prices here—Bibles and Prayer Books—we've an exceptional showing, from .....25c to $3.75

Teachers' Bibles, 300 pages of helps and 4500 questions and answers in Scripture ..... $1.25 EACH

Testaments, from ..... 25c UP

See the new religious Calendars.

PALMER STREET—CENTRE AISLE.

The Men's Department

Where you find exclusively the men's things, the very best of styles, etc., bearing our name you may recognize at once for its particular style. A House Coat from here finds not its mate in the next show window. Our Gloves are the best in the land. The Fancy Hosiery comes to no one else in town. And so on all through the list of what men like to wear. No extra to pay, in fact it's well known that we give by far the best values in Lowell.

EAST SECTION—LEFT AISLE.

APRONS

"From one woman to another" aprons are truly a genuine gift. In early days they were always made at home, nowadays the "better halves" haven't the time. See what a mighty pretty assortment we have from .....25c to $1.00

Large size Aprons with or without britteles, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed.

Afternoon or Tea Aprons, made of fine lawn and dotted Swiss, from 25c to $3.00

Nurse's Aprons .....25c, 39c, and 50c.

Gingham Aprons, with or without britteles .....25c and 50c

EAST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Pretty Toilet Goods

A fancy bottle of Perfumery brings joy to many a feminine heart, and the man is indeed a pessimist who would not be delighted with a bottle of fine Toilet Water "to use after shaving." We never had such a host of attractive perfumes as this year, for.....25c and 50c

Hudnut's and Colegate's Perfumes, 25 odors, in ounce and half-ounce bottles prettily boxed; also Miniature Perfumes, four and six bottles in a box, at..... 25c

Vantine's Oriental Extracts, Toilet Waters and Sachet, 25c, 50c and $1.00

Fancy Baskets, Vases and Jars.....25c and 50c Each

Fancy Crepe Paper Sachets, all odors .....10c Each

Hudnut's and Piver's Sachets (in bulk).....50c Ounce

A full line of good wearing Hair Brushes and Mirrors may be seen on these counters.

WEST SECTION—NORTH AISLE.

Fancy China, Cut Glass, Etc.

The new Chinaware Basement is indeed a model one. There are gifts here beyond number in wares that our good friends have never before seen here. For instance:—

Salad Bowls—of fine German China in assorted shapes and highly decorated .....$1.00, $1.25 and $1.49

Japanese Bon Bons, with and without handles, queerly decorated, very artistic .....25c to $1.69

Japanese Salads .....$1.50, $1.69 and $1.98

Cracker Jars, 20 shapes and decorated arts, Japanese and German patterns .....$1.25 to $2.98

Chocolate Pots .....50c to $3.50

Sugars and Creamers.....98c, $1.10 and $1.25

Imported Vases .....25c, 50c up to $5.98

Wine Sets .....$1.25 and $1.98

Water Sets .....$1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00

CUT GLASS

Don't expect to pay the usual "awful high" prices for Cut Glass articles if you come here. We'll quote a few so's you can see the difference between "us" and the "others."

Water Bottles, two shapes of Sunburst cutting .....$4.25 Each

Decanters, pint and quart sizes.....$6.00, $7.50, $11.50 and $12.98

Oils and Carets, 1-3 and 1-2 pint sizes, Sunburst and Puritan cuttings .....$2.50, $2.75, $3.50 and $3.98

Mayonnaisse Bowls, Radium cutting .....$3.75 Each

Bon Bon Dishes, Dixie cuttings, only $3.00

Round Nappies, Florodora cuttings .....$1.50, $1.69 and $2.00

Round Nappies, Radium cuttings $2.50

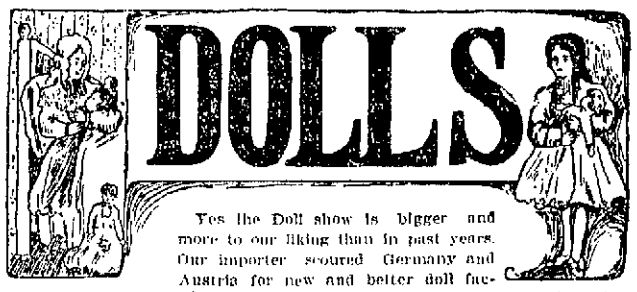
Sugar and Creams, Starlight cutting .....$4.75 a Set

9-inch Presiding Bowls $9.50

Claret Jugs, Star and Persian cuttings $9.98

And host of others. The best Cut Glass values ever seen in Lowell.

MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT



Yes the Doll show is bigger and more to our liking than in past years. Our importer scoured Germany and Austria for new and better doll factories and found them of course. We buy his sample line in August when he's done with it. That's why this season's dollies are different than ever before, prettier, better dressed. Much more for your money of course. Our dolls are a third and more less than the regular prices.

Dressed Dolls, 25c to $8.00. Clothed in silks and muslins, with picture hats to match, light and dark natural hair; also Sleeping Dolls.

AT 50c—Our special—16 inches tall, jointed, with pretty gown, stockings and slippers, worth $1.00.

Kid Dolls—Jointed at hips, knee and arms, beautiful faces, natural hair and sleeping .....50c to $2.50

Rag Dolls .....25c, 50c to $2.50

Baby Dolls with long dresses.....25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00

PALMER STREET—REAR.

The Toy Shop

Come down here with the boy and first he'll steer you for the Printing Presses or Typewriters. The first a miniature reproduction of the new Automatic Rotary Press—by which this paper is printed—designed for practical printing. Price $3.50 to $6.00. See the demonstration yourself. The second is a nicely finished machine that will not get out of order. Will write a good business letter or anything you wish. Will even help a child to learn his letters. It's called the Simplex. Price $1.00 to $5.00. See how it goes.

Of course the Girls will start for the Doll Houses and Furniture, Blackboards, etc. We've the sort of Toys here that educate as well as interest.

SLEDS FOR BOYS.....59c, 79c, $1.00, $1.15, $1.50, $1.69

SLEDS FOR GIRLS.....50c, 59c, 65c, 89c, $1.00, $1.15, $1.39

SHOO FLIES, ROCKING HORSES, CARTS AND WAGONS, DRUMS, ETC.

MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT

UMBRELLAS

Easy choosing from our tremendous assortment, nought more appreciated than an Umbrella. Nearly 2000 to choose from in the .....$1.50, $2.00 and $3.00 PRICES

Others for Men and Women from .....98c to $15.00

Children's, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.25. Engraving free.

WEST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Gifts of Linen Things

Some times as a last resort you say "a pair of Towels." Try them the first thing and see how Linen Gifts are appreciated. We have 100 dozen All Linen Towels, hemstitched or fringed, all white or with colored borders, were 39c, only .....25c Each

75 dozen Damask Towels, snow white, extra quality, were 69c, only ..... 50c Each

25 dozen Extra Fine Damask Towels, satin finish, usually sold at $1.00, only ..... 75c Each

Lots of Tray Cloths, Bureau Scarfs, etc., etc., are here at under prices.

PALMER STREET—LEFT AISLE.

Muslin Underwear

Purely a woman's gift. Dainty, attractive and always welcome. We're offering Special Values for Christmas gifts.

FOR 59c—Dainty Corset Cover, worth 98c.

FOR 98c—Elaborately Trimmed Corset Covers, worth $1.50.

Night Gowns, from.....98c to $5.00

White Skirts .....$1.98 to $5.00

Matched Sets .....$5.00 to $10.00

Some beautiful Imported Gowns and Chemises.....$3.98 to $10.00

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Blankets, etc.

Somebody would rather have a Blanket given them and build a Wrapper or Bath Robe to suit themselves. Here's a grand good assortment, all new designs and combinations, all wool of course.....$3.75, $4.50, $5.00 and $6.00

The regular "Warm-for-the-Winter" Blankets.....$1.98 to $10.00 a Pair

Down Puffs....$5.00 to $17.00 Each

PALMER STREET—BASEMENT.

Special Holiday Values in Rugs and Draperies

100 All Wool Smyrna Rugs at .....$1.69, $2.49 and $3.98

These prices are about 1-3 under price.

Wilton Carpet Sample Rug, usually $1.98, only.....$1.49

Couch Covers, usually $7.50, only $5.98

60-inch Washable Couch Covers, worth $1.69, only..... 98c

5000 yards New Art Silk Remnants for Pillows, Mantle Draperies and Scarfs, usually 75c and $1.00, only .....39c Yard

Ruffled Muslin Curtains, usually 49c, only.....25c a Pair

Colored Cross Stripe Curtains for dining rooms, dens or cosy corners .....98c, $1.25 and $1.50

$6.00 Portiers, only .....$4.49 a Pair

$10.00 Portieres, only.....$7.50 a Pair

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Fancy Back Combs

Like a man with his neckties, a lady can't have too many. We've a pretty assortment of gift combs.

Shell with plain or polished and beaded mounts.....$1.25 to $2.25 Each

Shell with gold filigree work, jeweled veronique, rose and Roman finishes. $1.98 to $6.00

Amber, white and clear, in plain and fancy mounts, pretty for light hair. $1.25 to $4.50

WEST SECTION—RIGHT AISLE.

A. G. Pollard & Co.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets

THE LOWELL SUN

SUN BUILDING, MERRIMACK SQUARE, LOWELL, MASS.

JOHN H. HARRINGTON, PROPRIETOR.

Member of the Associated Press.

Three Dollars per Year. Twenty-five Cents per Month

☞The Sun receives the full day service of The Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering organization in the world. The entire service received over a leased wire, by our own operator in our own office in The Sun building.

SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

* Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

The sleigh bells have begun to jingle.

Considerable interest will center in Mayor-elect Caseys coming inaugural.

In order to make his bill thoroughly effective Representative Lace will have to invent a means of counting the votes, unless competent men be appointed for the purpose.

Mr. Roosevelt has demonstrated that he can be brief on some subjects by the manner in which he dismisses the questions of the pensions and Porto Rico, for example—New Bedford Standard.

And on the tariff was he not still more brief?

Twenty nationalities were represented in the 1433 steerage passengers which Cunard liner Saxonia brought to Boston Saturday from Liverpool. Hungarians were in the preponderance, 288; the English came next, 171; then the Swedes 154, Finns 149, Norwegians 49, Irish 46, Austrians 44, Scotch 24, Danish 14, Belgians 14, Armenians 14, Germans 12, Hollanders 11, French 6, Polish 5, Roumanians 3, Galatians 2, Syrians 2, and Spanish 1. If variety is the spice of Americanism, do we not lend mostly to allspice?—Lewiston Journal.

It is seldom the passengers of a Cunarder are so evenly divided among the nationalities. Occasionally the big steamers will have a load nearly all of one nationality. It is only after the rush is over that odds and ends take on a cosmopolitan complexion.

SOME ALLEGED MISTAKES.

Mayor McClellan of New York, soon after entering office, was led to sign the Remsen gas bill, a measure disadvantageous to the city, and Grout, the city comptroller, has also apparently surrendered to the gas monopoly so that there is an opportunity for their enemies to criticize them severely despite the fact that both may have fallen into a trap unsuspectingly. Grout is especially culpable in having approved charges which he refused to approve under Low's administration. Injunction proceedings are the result with a lot of mud-slinging at the mayor and the Tammany forces supposed to be behind him. It is hard to agree on matters of this kind.

A SORRY SPECTACLE.

It is to be hoped that the taxpayers of Lowell will for the future be saved the ignominy of seeing a member of the city council under the influence of liquor while the branch to which he belongs is in session. In session or out of session, the councilman or alderman who gets intoxicated and makes a show of himself, should be promptly retired. What good can be expected from a man who has no greater appreciation of his official duties than to enter a meeting in a so-called "mellow" condition? We are confident that next year's council will show no such exhibition.

WHY WERE THEY ALL SILENT.

How came it that while Mrs. Chadwick had out from $13,000,000 to $25,000,000 of forged notes all lodged in banks as collateral, yet not one bank took the trouble to inquire of Andrew Carnegie if the notes were really signed by him? Nothing but regard for his feelings on the assumption that Mrs. Chadwick was an illegitimate daughter of the multi-millionaire can explain such self-sacrificing silence. How dearly they have paid for their considerate regard of Mr. Carnegie's feelings!

SCANDALOUS ERRORS IN ELECTION RETURNS.

The number of mistakes discovered in the election returns is really scandalous. It shows that the men who did the counting in the precincts where the errors were made, are either wholly incompetent or grossly careless. In either case, they were not the right men to have charge of such important work. It is plain that many of the men appointed for the purpose are placed there to draw the day's pay without any consideration whatever as to their fitness or their ability to perform the duties of the position. The result is that almost the entire work must be done over again. If a rule were put in force providing that the precinct officers who make such blunders shall not be paid for their services, they would be more careful and probably more accurate.

DASTARDLY PROPOSITION.

The proposition of the cotton merchants of Courtland, Ala., to burn up 1,000,000 bales of cotton in order to raise the price of the remainder is one of the most wicked schemes proposed in this country for years. Certainly the men who made this proposition will bear watching. Will they not endeavor to limit the crop next year or to keep down the supply in order to keep up the price? What the people of this country need is a greater supply in order to bring the cheapest cotton fabrics within the means of the poor. There is almost as much to be made by raising cotton under favorable conditions as there is in the manufacture of cotton under the unfavorable conditions which prevail at present.

This proposition to burn about one-twelfth of the cotton crop shows to what expedients the cotton growers would resort. It will alienate the sympathy and support of the purchasers of cotton throughout the country. When speculators want a corner on cotton they tie it up so that it cannot be reached but that is not quite so bad as burning it.

WHEN IS THE NON-VOTER JUSTIFIED?

Whether voters are bound to go to the polls on election day is under discussion. A voter may have no interest in the outcome. He may like one set of candidates as well as another, so that he would be doing violence to his conscience if he voted for either side. Under such conditions a voter exercises his franchise best by remaining away from the polls. But if he remains away because he has been offered money for refusing to support his party, or because he does not take interest enough in the election to bother going to the polls, then he is if not a traitor, at least a delinquent as far as the exercise of the franchise goes.

President Capen of Tufts college, advocates imposing a fine on all those who fail to vote at elections. This would probably be considered a hardship, and it would be impossible to compel any man to vote under the Australian system. If forced to go to the polls against his will he could cast a blank ballot which to him would serve the same purpose as staying at home. The best way to overcome the apathy of voters is to stigmatize those who do not vote as neglecting to perform one of the most important duties of citizenship. This will have a better effect than any measure of coercion.

SEEN AND HEARD

The first time a young man gives a girl a box of chocolates, she begins to think just what he will say when he proposes to her.

A friend of mine, a traveling man, loaded me with advice a few days ago and concluded with the following: "When you are in a country hotel up in Vermont and see the sign 'Reading room,' on a closed door, don't go in. It is a bar-room."

Never tell your employer that he can't get along without you. Some men refuse to take a dare.

Don't hide your light under a bushel. A quart measure may be plenty big enough.

When a man's hens are laying busily he attributes their energy to the good judgment with which he feeds them. When they stop he blames the hens.

Even if it weren't wrong to play golf on Sunday there are those who would find pleasure in it.

Much of the talking that we do might have more result if people would only listen to it.

Pretty near time to prepare your list of resolutions for the new year.

The wind was east and the chimney smoked,
And the old brown house seemed dreary,
For nobody smiled, and nobody joked,
The young folks grumbled, the old folks croaked;
They had come home chilled and weary.

Then opened the door, and a girl came in;
Oh, she was homely—very!
Her nose was pug, and her cheek was thin,
There wasn't dimple from brow to chin,
But her smile was bright and cheery.
She spoke not a word of the cold and damp
Nor yet of the gloom about her,
But she mended the fire and lighted the lamp,
And she put on the place a different stamp
From that it had without her.

Her dress, which was something in sober brown,
And with dampness nearly dripping,
She changed for a bright, warm, crimson gown,
And she looked so gay when she came down,
They forgot the air was nipping.

They forgot that the house was a dull old place,
And smoky from base to rafter,
And gloom departed from every face,
As they felt the charm of her mirthful grace,
And the cheer of her happy laughter.
Oh, give the girl who will smile and sing,
And make all glad together!
To be plain or fair is a lesser thing,
But a kind, unselfish heart can bring
Good cheer in the darkest weather.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

IN THE RULES FOR STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A number of important changes in the rules and regulations of the board of supervising inspectors of the steamboat inspection service have been approved by Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor. These changes are the result of the recent protracted meeting of the board of supervising inspectors of the service, which followed soon after the General Slocum disaster at New York in which nearly 1000 lives were lost.

The changes, among other things, require metal air tanks in wooden life boats; prohibit the use of lode or compressed granulated cork in life preservers or the use of kapok preservers; require one life preserver for every passenger and member of the crew of all vessels and portable fire extinguishers on all passenger steamers, proportioned in number to the tonnage of the boat; added requirements as to discipline of crews in fire and boat drills.

NATIONALIST LEADER

WELCOMED ON HIS RETURN FROM BANISHMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The nationalist leader, Marcel Habert, whose five years' banishment for participation in a plot to overthrow the government, expired at midnight Saturday night, was welcomed at the Orleans station here yesterday by a crowd of several thousand. The demonstration was enthusiastic but not disorderly. Habert and other chiefs of the nationalists urged moderation. Last evening there was a great meeting at St. Paul's riding school, where Habert formally resumed direction of the league of patriots. The meeting resolved on a vigorous campaign in favor of Paul Deroulede and other exiles.

FIRE IN STATE HOSPITAL.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The Middletown state hospital narrowly escaped destruction by fire Saturday night. The coolness of the attendants and the excellence of the fire drill averted a panic among the patients and the fire was got under control after three floors had been flooded with water. The damage was large.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 19.—W. F. Bowen, a private of the marine guard on the prison ship Southery at the navy yard, fell from the upper to the lower deck, a distance of 25 feet, yesterday, and was instantly killed. Bowen was 30 years old. He enlisted at Perry, Me., three years ago.

MAY ARBITRATE

Fall River Textile Council Favors Plan

THE MANUFACTURERS MAY NOT ACCEPT

Settlement of the Trouble is Expected

FALL RIVER, Dec. 19.—For the purpose of doing one of two things—settling the strike, or placing the manufacturers of Fall River on record before the country as unfavorable to entire arbitration—the textile council decided yesterday to secure the consent of the unions to the proposition for arbitration by the National Civic Federation.

Resolutions to that effect were adopted and meetings of the unions have been called for 10.30 Tuesday morning to consider the recommendations of the council.

While it will require a two-thirds vote of the members of each union to accept the proposition, the labor leaders have no doubt that the action of the council will be ratified.

Another session of the textile council will be held Tuesday afternoon, and if the unions accept the proposition, as is likely, the same will be mailed to the manufacturers with a request that it be placed before the general body.

The following record has been placed on the books of the council:

"Fall River, Dec. 18, 1904.—At the meeting of the textile council held in Spinners' hall on the above date, the following resolution was adopted, the same to be submitted to the textile unions for their approval or otherwise:

"Whereas, believing in the justice of our cause and always favoring the grand principles of fair arbitration, and

"Whereas, realizing the continuation of the long and protracted struggle is detrimental to the best interests of our city, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we submit the whole proposition to the members of our respective unions, it being identical with the one submitted to the executive committee of the cotton manufacturers' association:

"All efforts having failed to effect a satisfactory settlement of the strike now existing in our city, we agree to submit the whole subject matter in dispute to a board of arbitration, to be chosen by the National Civic federation from its executive board, and agree to accept their decision as final."

President Tunsy of the council made report of the conference proceedings, and all members of the council went on record as strongly in favor of the arbitration proposition. Secretaries Jackson and Whitehead and President John Golden of the U. T. W. drew up the resolutions and they were unanimously adopted.

It is believed that the manufacturers will not accept but some counter proposition may result.

President Borden of the manufacturers declined to say whether the proposition will be submitted to the general body.

GIRL MURDERED

CLINCHING IRON MAY FURNISH CLUE TO ASSAILANT.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 19—Mystery still shrouds the murder of Miss Rose White, the 18-year-old daughter of Harlan White, whose mutilated body was found near Chapmansville, in Logan county, Saturday. The first bit of evidence which may lead to an arrest, came to light yesterday morning when a brand new clinching iron was found lying in the snow about 200 yards from the spot where Miss White's body was discovered.

An investigation has revealed that this clinching iron, which was stained with blood, was purchased the night before the murder at a store in Chapmansville by a well known young man, whose home is 10 miles from the White estate. This young man is missing. It is said that two years ago, while Miss White was still a schoolgirl, this young man was a constant caller at her home. It is stated that the police are upon the trail of a suspect.

MAFIA LEADERS

ARRESTS MADE BY THE SCRANTON POLICE.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 19.—Two arrests were made yesterday by the police of alleged leaders of the Carbondale Mafia. One of them, John Costa, of New York, who has been making monthly visits to the Italian colony and who is said to be the go-between for the New York headquarters and the Carbondale branch of the Mafia, was caught after a round-up of the colony. The warrant for his arrest specifically charges him with shooting Pasquale Cerretti, Nov. 11 last. Cerretti was a member of the organization who made threats to disclose its secrets after he had had a capture with the officers of the body. The other man arrested is Frank Mazurka, who is accused of levying tribute on Carmen Pretorio under threats to cut him and burn his house. Both prisoners are in jail.

ADAMS

Open Every Evening This Week.

Child's Morris Chair

The small child's chair is built just like the large ones. Adjustable back with rod supports, having cushions of velour on the seat and back. Strong oak wood frames. Prices $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50.

ADAMS & CO.

Furniture—Rugs—Carpets

174 CENTRAL ST. Appleton Bank Block

PUTNAM & SON CO., 166 Central St.

Open Every Evening Until Christmas

The Handsomest Coats Ever Shown in Lowell

as good as any man wears are the rich silk lined overcoats from Rogers, Peet & Co. A few of these that were $40 have been put down to **$30**

Tourist Overcoats Of Stunning Scotch Cheviots

long swagger garments, with half belt in the back. The best style Tourists that money can buy. Three small lots that were $25 are now **$20**

Entirely New Lots Of Tourist Overcoats

bought for Christmas selling. Our stock of moderate priced Tourists was sold out. We have half a dozen new numbers, in men's and young men's sizes —52 inches long, half belt back—fresh styles in Tourists today, **$10**

YOUNG BRYAN

REFUSED TO APOLOGIZE AND WAS SUSPENDED.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 19—Because of his refusal to apologize to an instructor, William J. Bryan, Jr., has been suspended from his class and has ceased the study of chemistry. Bryan is a student in the Lincoln Academy, a preparatory institution to the state university. The instructor insisted on an apology, warning the boy that he could not attend class unless he complied. The son of the twice defeated presidential candidate preferred suspension, maintaining that he had nothing for which to apologize. Neither the academy authorities nor young Bryan will discuss the affair.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

HAS THE GOUT

POPE PIUS HAS SUFFERED GREATLY.

ROME, Dec. 19—St. Peter's was especially decorated for the formal announcement yesterday morning of the beatification of Gaspare del Bufalo, founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood and canon of San Marco, under Pius VII. Yesterday afternoon Pope Pius X., accompanied by the cardinals of the court and all bishops and dignitaries of the church at present in Rome, went to venerate the blessed Del Bufalo. The ceremony had the added object of a demonstration of loyalty. Over 30,000 people crowded the Basilica.

It was much remarked that Pope Pius, instead of walking to St. Peter's, as had been arranged, went in the sedia gestatoria, although that mode of travel invariably causes him nausea. He was unable to walk because of gout, with which he has suffered so much the last few days that he has been obliged to sit during audiences.

Holiday gifts, Oriental Bazaar.

SPURIOUS COIN

WAS CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Two men and a woman who were arraigned in the police court Saturday morning by Central office detectives and remanded for examination, are believed by the police and secret service men to be the persons responsible for a flood of spurious silver coin which had been passed on merchants on the upper and lower East Side and in Harlem during the past four or five weeks.

In the room of the woman, Elizabeth Romber, in East Fourth street, the police discovered a very complete counterfeiting outfit and several hundred counterfeit half dollars and dimes. The other prisoners were Frank Schleiman and John Miller.

CHAPMAN HELD

HE WAS A WELL KNOWN ARTIST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—Mystery marks the story of Elwood W. Chapman, 75 years old, an inmate of the Polyclinic hospital in Westchester. Up to the time of his admission to the institution, Chapman lived as a recluse amid valuable paintings of his own and a quantity of antique furniture in an old mansion owned by the city in a remote section of Pelham Bay Park.

Chapman was found ill in the old mansion. After his removal to the hospital a young man named Eugene McClure was arrested for taking pictures and furniture from the house. This incident brought to light the fact that Chapman had been in his early days a prominent marine and landscape artist and at one time was a member of the military staff of Former Governor Wise of Virginia.

When McClure was arraigned Henry Wise, a lawyer, appeared on behalf of Chapman, as prosecutor. Wise says that he is a grandson of the former Virginia governor, upon whose staff Chapman served. Many years ago Chapman became estranged from his wife and friends in Virginia and dropped out of sight.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
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KILLED HIMSELF

BOSTON LAW SCHOOL STUDENT COMMITTED SUICIDE.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The body of Maurice L. Burnce, 24 years old, a student at the Boston University Law school, was found in a room at the Hotel Rexford late last night. A bullet wound was in the right temple and a revolver was clenched in his right hand.

Burnce lived with his parents and sisters at 74 Allen street. He had expected to be graduated last June, but failed to pass the examinations and returned to school again this fall. Saturday he gave a package to his sister and told her not to open it until Sunday night when she would receive a surprise. Last night the girl opened the package and found a note from her brother in which he said that he was discouraged and had resolved to end his life. The police of the West End station were notified and a few moments later word came to the station from the Hotel Rexford that Burnce had killed himself in his room.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

MRS. TOM THUMB AT THE CASTO.

Manager Haynes has prepared an excellent program for the present week at the Casto theatre and it is headed by the talented miniature artists, Mrs. Tom Thumb, Count and Baron Magri in their bright and witty comedy entitled "Two Strings to Her Bow" which contains many witty lines and humorous situations. The remainder of the program contains all star comedy acts. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.

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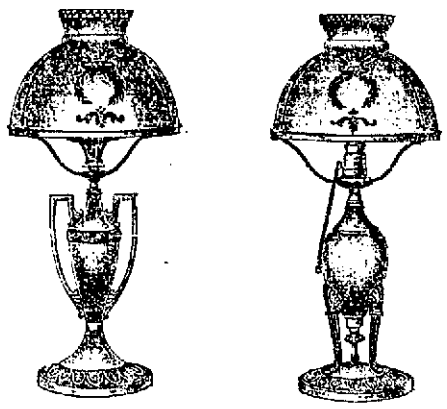

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FACTORY BURNED

Two Men Injured at Worcester Fire

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 19.—Fire this forenoon consumed the annex of the Bradley car factory near the Union railroad station here. Two workmen were badly burned by an explosion that caused the fire. The building burned was about 40 by 80 feet and contained considerable lumber and finishing used in car building. The loss is estimated at about $10,000.

C. N. Anderson, one of two men in the hospital, is severely burned but it is believed he will recover. The other, J. E. Sanley, was less seriously injured.

FUNERALS

MITCHELL—The funeral of the late Peter Mitchell took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his residence, 39 Fourth avenue, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, including a delegation of 60 employes of the local division of the Boston & Northern street railway, of which the deceased was an employe for many years past. The bearers were Thomas Boyle, William Hill and William Mahoney of the Boston & Northern, and Michael McDermott. Daniel Wholey and Patrick McGrath representing the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church. The floral offerings were numerous and included a large mound on base inscribed "His Last Trip, 11.02," from the employes of the Boston & Northern; large pillow inscribed "Father," from the children; spray from passenger friends on the Varnum avenue route; spray, Miss Katherine Maguire; wreath, Mrs. Peter McGauvran and family; spray, friends at Pickering hosiery; and spray from Mrs. A. Allard. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons had charge.

SANDERS—The funeral of Edgar R. Sanders was held from his late residence, 67 Cambridge street, yesterday afternoon. There were large delegations present from the Odd Fellows and from the Boston & Maine trainmen. Mr. Sanders had been on the B. & M. for the past 20 years, having passed the various positions and recently was promoted to conductor. The numerous and beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which he was held by his associates. Among them were: "The Gates Ajar," surmounted by a clock dial with the hands at 8 o'clock, that being the last train that he ran; the Reading Odd Fellows, three links; pillow, the Brotherhood of Trainmen; wreath, Dr. Charles B. Sanders and family, and numerous sprays.

The services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Fisher, and the quartet of the First Universalist church, of which Mr. Sanders was a constant attendant. The bearers were: Ed. Dalton, Paul McDonald, Mr. Willoughby and Fred Ware. The interment was in the Edson cemetery.

Undertaker Currier had charge.

MARQUIS—The funeral of Mrs. William Marquis took place Saturday from her residence, Drucut Navy Yard. Funeral services were held at 8 o'clock at St. Louis's church, Rev. Fr. Jacques officiating. The bearers were: Joseph Sabourin, Julien Boucher, Joseph Rondeau and Elzear Noel. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Jacques officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

RAPSON—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza E. Rapson was held Saturday afternoon from her home in South Lowell and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Rev. Mr. Riggs was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were William Croft, Alfred Chapman, Richard Howe and Harry Shedd. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck had charge.

NUTTING—The funeral services of Mrs. Susan E. Nutting were held yesterday afternoon at her home in Westford. The body will be sent this morning to Bristol, Vt., for burial by Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

DEATHS

BORG—Mr. Thomas E. Borg, aged 28, died at his home, 55 Rea street, yesterday. Deceased leaves a wife, one son and three brothers and a sister. He was a member of Pentucket lodge of Masons, Ahasuerus council of Royal Select Masters, Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter and Pilgrim Commandery, Knights of Templars.

FELLOWS—Mr. James Marcus Fellows, son of the late James K. Fellows, died at the residence of Mr. Horace B. Coburn, 275 Andover street, Saturday, after a short illness. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Deceased was a life long resident of Lowell, having been born and brought up in this city. He received his early education in the public schools of the city and later entered Westford academy from which he was graduated. Later he entered the Mutual Redemption bank of Boston as clerk and several years ago resigned this position and took charge of his father's property. Mr. Fellows was 55 years old at the time of his death.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Horace B. Coburn and Mrs. George A. Hill of this city and Mrs. Charles S. Gowen of New York.

CHURCHILL — Mrs. Athalinda Churchill, widow of Moses Churchill, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Weinbeck in Wentworth avenue, this morning, shortly after midnight, aged 73 years and six months. She had been ill about a week. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Maryett Nason of California; Mrs. Lydia F. Chaney and Mrs. Emily L. Trask, both of this city. She was an old resident of Lowell, having lived here upwards of 60 years. She was a member of the Grace Universalist church.

PERSONALS

A few weeks ago Miss Louise Carpenter, a handsome little miss of Thompson, Conn., came here to visit her aunt, Mrs. Long of Summer street, and taking ill last week, her father, Mr. John T. Carpenter, came here to see her. Mr. Carpenter will be remembered as the former superintendent of Hood's Farm. He is now superintendent of a very large farm at Thompson, Conn. Yesterday he visited Hood's Farm and was pleasantly entertained by Mr. Hood and Manager Dodge. Mr. Carpenter when located here was very popular, and during his stay he is being warmly welcomed by many of his former employes at the farm as well as numerous friends throughout this city.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

M. KINGSBURY, No 273 Bridge st. MEATS AND PROVISIONS.

Christmas Buying Now in Full Swing

Saturday saw us busy as never before and the whole store system was taxed to its utmost with nearly 300 salespeople to serve, and the largest Christmas stocks ever offered in Lowell. This store of worth proved to its shoppers that it was indeed the Christmas Store. This morning the reserve stocks will be called upon to dress up the counters and show cases again and by nine o'clock you'll find us ready. The biggest day's trading in the existence of the store having passed into history.

All signs point to this Christmas as an ideal one—The Holiday spirit is in the air all around us. Even the weather—just right for shopping—is "Christmas-y." The sleigh bells jingling through the streets, the hills alive with coasters—good skating. Everyone should be happy—do your part. Don't forget anyone—even the merest trifle carrying with it the right sentiment brings happiness.

Come here for the inexpensive gifts as well as the most important ones. You'll find the largest selections, lowest prices, and what's important at the Christmas time—the best attention.

The Book Store

Made up your mind yesterday for some particular book? Nine chances you'll find it here, or we'll get it right off. The newest fiction, stories for boys and girls, or sober books for deep thinkers. Lowest prices here—Bibles and Prayer Books—we've an exceptional showing, from .....25c to $3.75

Teachers' Bibles, 300 pages of helps and 4500 questions and answers in Scripture ..... $1.25 EACH

Testaments, from ..... 25c UP

See the new religious Calendars.

PALMER STREET—CENTRE AISLE.

The Men's Department

Where you find exclusively the men's things, the very best of styles, etc., bearing our name you may recognize at once for its particular style. A House Coat from here finds not its mate in the next show window. Our Gloves are the best in the land. The Fancy Hosiery comes to no one else in town. And so on all through the list of what men like to wear. No extra to pay, in fact it's well known that we give by far the best values in Lowell.

EAST SECTION—LEFT AISLE.

APRONS

"From one woman to another" aprons are truly a genuine gift. In early days they were always made at home, nowadays the "better halves" haven't the time. See what a mighty pretty assortment we have from .....25c to $1.00

Large size Aprons with or without britteles, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed.

Afternoon or Tea Aprons, made of fine lawn and dotted Swiss, from 25c to $3.00

Nurse's Aprons .....25c, 39c, and 50c.

Gingham Aprons, with or without britteles .....25c and 50c

EAST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Pretty Toilet Goods

A fancy bottle of Perfumery brings joy to many a feminine heart, and the man is indeed a pessimist who would not be delighted with a bottle of fine Toilet Water "to use after shaving." We never had such a host of attractive perfumes as this year, for.....25c and 50c

Hudnut's and Colegate's Perfumes, 25 odors, in ounce and half-ounce bottles prettily boxed; also Miniature Perfumes, four and six bottles in a box, at..... 25c

Vantine's Oriental Extracts, Toilet Waters and Sachet, 25c, 50c and $1.00

Fancy Baskets, Vases and Jars.....25c and 50c Each

Fancy Crepe Paper Sachets, all odors .....10c Each

Hudnut's and Piver's Sachets (in bulk).....50c Ounce

A full line of good wearing Hair Brushes and Mirrors may be seen on these counters.

WEST SECTION—NORTH AISLE.

Fancy China, Cut Glass, Etc.

The new Chinaware Basement is indeed a model one. There are gifts here beyond number in wares that our good friends have never before seen here. For instance:—

Salad Bowls—of fine German China in assorted shapes and highly decorated .....$1.00, $1.25 and $1.49

Japanese Bon Bons, with and without handles, queerly decorated, very artistic .....25c to $1.69

Japanese Salads .....$1.50, $1.69 and $1.98

Cracker Jars, 20 shapes and decorated arts, Japanese and German patterns .....$1.25 to $2.98

Chocolate Pots .....50c to $3.50

Sugars and Creamers.....98c, $1.10 and $1.25

Imported Vases .....25c, 50c up to $5.98

Wine Sets .....$1.25 and $1.98

Water Sets .....$1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00

CUT GLASS

Don't expect to pay the usual "awful high" prices for Cut Glass articles if you come here. We'll quote a few so's you can see the difference between "us" and the "others."

Water Bottles, two shapes of Sunburst cutting .....$4.25 Each

Decanters, pint and quart sizes.....$6.00, $7.50, $11.50 and $12.98

Oils and Carets, 1-3 and 1-2 pint sizes, Sunburst and Puritan cuttings .....$2.50, $2.75, $3.50 and $3.98

Mayonnaisse Bowls, Radium cutting .....$3.75 Each

Bon Bon Dishes, Dixie cuttings, only $3.00

Round Nappies, Floradora cuttings .....$1.50, $1.69 and $2.00

Round Nappies, Radium cuttings $2.50

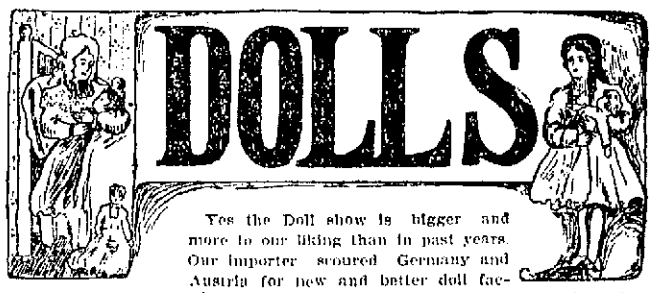
Sugar and Creams, Starlight cutting .....$4.75 a Set

9-inch Presiding Bowls $9.50

Claret Jugs, Star and Persian cuttings $9.98

And host of others. The best Cut Glass values ever seen in Lowell.

MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT



Yes the Doll show is bigger and more to our liking than in past years. Our importer scoured Germany and Austria for new and better doll factories and found them of course. We buy his sample line in August when he's done with it. That's why this season's dollies are different than ever before, prettier, better dressed. Much more for your money of course. Our dolls are a third and more less than the regular prices.

Dressed Dolls, 25c to $8.00. Clothed in silks and muslins, with picture hats to match, light and dark natural hair; also Sleeping Dolls.

AT 50c—Our special—16 inches tall, jointed, with pretty gown, stockings and slippers, worth $1.00.

Kid Dolls—Jointed at hips, knee and arms, beautiful faces, natural hair and sleeping .....50c to $2.50

Rag Dolls .....25c, 50c to $2.50

Baby Dolls with long dresses.....25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00

PALMER STREET—REAR.

The Toy Shop

Come down here with the boy and first he'll steer you for the Printing Presses or Typewriters. The first a miniature reproduction of the new Automatic Rotary Press—by which this paper is printed—designed for practical printing. Price $3.50 to $6.00. See the demonstration yourself. The second is a nicely finished machine that will not get out of order. Will write a good business letter or anything you wish. Will even help a child to learn his letters. It's called the Simplex. Price $1.00 to $5.00. See how it goes.

Of course the Girls will start for the Doll Houses and Furniture, Blackboards, etc. We've the sort of Toys here that educate as well as interest.

SLEDS FOR BOYS.....59c, 79c, $1.00, $1.15, $1.50, $1.69

SLEDS FOR GIRLS.....50c, 59c, 65c, 89c, $1.00, $1.15, $1.39

SHOO FLIES, ROCKING HORSES, CARTS AND WAGONS, DRUMS, ETC.

MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT

UMBRELLAS

Easy choosing from our tremendous assortment, nought more appreciated than an Umbrella. Nearly 2000 to choose from in the .....$1.50, $2.00 and $3.00 PRICES

Others for Men and Women from .....98c to $15.00

Children's, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.25. Engraving free.

WEST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Gifts of Linen Things

Some times as a last resort you say "a pair of Towels." Try them the first thing and see how Linen Gifts are appreciated. We have 100 dozen All Linen Towels, hemstitched or fringed, all white or with colored borders, were 39c, only .....25c Each

75 dozen Damask Towels, snow white, extra quality, were 69c, only ..... 50c Each

25 dozen Extra Fine Damask Towels, satin finish, usually sold at $1.00, only ..... 75c Each

Lots of Tray Cloths, Bureau Scarfs, etc., etc., are here at under prices.

PALMER STREET—LEFT AISLE.

Muslin Underwear

Purely a woman's gift. Dainty, attractive and always welcome. We're offering Special Values for Christmas gifts.

FOR 59c—Dainty Corset Cover, worth 98c.

FOR 98c—Elaborately Trimmed Corset Covers, worth $1.50.

Night Gowns, from.....98c to $5.00

White Skirts .....$1.98 to $5.00

Matched Sets .....$5.00 to $10.00

Some beautiful Imported Gowns and Chemises.....$3.98 to $10.00

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Blankets, etc.

Somebody would rather have a Blanket given them and build a Wrapper or Bath Robe to suit themselves. Here's a grand good assortment, all new designs and combinations, all wool of course.....$3.75, $4.50, $5.00 and $6.00

The regular "Warm-for-the-Winter" Blankets.....$1.98 to $10.00 a Pair

Down Puffs....$5.00 to $17.00 Each

PALMER STREET—BASEMENT.

Special Holiday Values in Rugs and Draperies

100 All Wool Smyrna Rugs at .....$1.69, $2.49 and $3.98

These prices are about 1-3 under price.

Wilton Carpet Sample Rug, usually $1.98, only.....$1.49

Couch Covers, usually $7.50, only $5.98

60-inch Washable Couch Covers, worth $1.69, only..... 98c

5000 yards New Art Silk Remnants for Pillows, Mantle Draperies and Scarfs, usually 75c and $1.00, only .....39c Yard

Ruffled Muslin Curtains, usually 49c, only.....25c a Pair

Colored Cross Stripe Curtains for dining rooms, dens or cosy corners .....98c, $1.25 and $1.50

$6.00 Portiers, only .....$4.49 a Pair

$10.00 Portieres, only.....$7.50 a Pair

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Fancy Back Combs

Like a man with his neckties, a lady can't have too many. We've a pretty assortment of gift combs.

Shell with plain or polished and beaded mounts ....$1.25 to $2.25 Each

Shell with gold filigree work, jeweled veronique, rose and Roman finishes. $1.98 to $6.00

Amber, white and clear, in plain and fancy mounts, pretty for light hair. $1.25 to $4.50

WEST SECTION—RIGHT AISLE.

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Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets

LOST ONCE MORE

Another Defeat Chalked Up Against Lowell

HAVERHILL STILL HOLDS LEAD IN LEAGUE.

The First Game in Associate Hall.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 19—Haverhill defeated Lowell at basketball Saturday night in the closest game of the season, 33 to 26. In the first period the locals scored 22 to 3 for Lowell, but after that were outplayed. Davy did some fine work for Lowell, securing a number of difficult baskets. Low played a great floor game and Williamson led in baskets for the locals. The summary:

HAVERHILL	LOWELL
Williamson rf	lb W. Loos
Kennedy, Doyle lf	rb Davy
Wachter c	c L. Loos
Haggerty rb	lf Mathews
Low lb	rf Leighton

Score, Haverhill 33, Lowell 26. Goals from floor, Kennedy 3, Haggerty 3, Wachter 2, Williamson 4, Low, Mathews 3, Davy 6, Leighton. Goals from fouls, Haverhill 3, Lowell 6. Referee, Pickard. Timers, Driscoll and F. Gray. Time three 15m periods. Attendance 800.

FR. MATHEW 45, LOWELL C. M. A. C. 15

AMESBURY, Dec. 19—The Fr. Mathew basketball team defeated the strong C. M. A. C. team of Lowell, 45 to 15, at Town hall Saturday night. The visitors, though putting up one of the swiftest games played against the Mathews this season, were unable to check the home team in its goal-getting. The features were the goals scored by Flanagan, Hetherman and Leonard from near center of floor. The summary:

FR. MATHEWS	C. M. A. C
Leonard rf	lb Morin
Cloutier lf	rb Wernelt
Hetherman c	c Barrett
Flanagan rb	lf Frechett
Finnerty lb	rf Lavalley

Score—Fr. Mathew 45, C. M. A. C. 15. Goals from floor, Leonard 5, Cloutier 2, Hetherman 5, Flanagan 2, Finnerty 5, Lavalley 3, Frechett, Barrett 2. Goals from fouls, Hetherman 5, Frechett 2½. Referees, O'Brien and Lucier alternating. Scorer, Merion. Timer, Doran. Time 20m. halves. Attendance 450.

LOWELL H. S. 17, NASHUA H. S. 12.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 19—The Lowell high school basketball team defeated the local high school team at the gym hall Saturday evening by a score of 17 to 12 in a well-played game. Superior passing gave the visitors a lead in the first period that could not be overcome. The summary:

LOWELL	NASHUA
Richards lf	rf Hammond
Low rf	lf Griswold
Farley c	c Lawrence
Quinlan rg	lg Avery
Ames rg	lg French
Scribner lg	rg Rogers

Score—Lowell 17, Nashua 12. Goals from floor, Avery 2, Rogers 2, Griswold, Hammond, Richards 2, Farley 2, Low 2, Ames. Baskets on fouls, Richards 2, Farley. Referee, Bull. Timer, Hunt. Time 20m halves.

HAVERHILL IN LEAD.

Haverhill carried off the honors in the New England basketball league last week by defeating Lowell and Amesbury two games each. At present the Haverhill aggregation is leading a runaway race for the pennant. Capt. Kennedy had got his players nerved to the highest pitch and every player is working hard to land the flag in Haverhill.

Natick is coming along fast, and tonight will have a real test of the team's ability when she meets Haverhill at Natick. Natick is carrying five players as Deal has gone back to Philadelphia while Kinkaide, who was called home on account of his father's illness, will not report until Dec. 22. Neither Haverhill nor Natick have lost a home game, and Capt. Kennedy of the leaders says that Natick will lose its first home game tonight.

Newburyport's clever work has given her third place, Lowell dropping into fourth. Amesbury still brings up the rear The standing of the teams is as follows:

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Haverhill	10	4	.833
Natick	14	6	.700
Newburyport	9	10	.474
Lowell	9	12	.429
Amesbury	6	15	.200

GAMES THIS WEEK.

Monday—Haverhill at Natick and Amesbury at Newburyport.
Tuesday—Newburyport at Amesbury and Natick at Lowell.
Wednesday—Natick at Haverhill.
Thursday—Newburyport at Lowell.
Friday—Haverhill at Newburyport and Lowell at Amesbury.
Saturday—Amesbury at Haverhill and Lowell at Natick.

Now for Associate hall and a larger attendance.

Things will be evened up with Natick tomorrow night.

Haverhill is the surprise of the season. The Natick people cannot figure out why Connie Driscoll's team has the lead over Natick.

The band will be out tomorrow night and will play "Jimmie" when Mayor-elect Casey tosses the ball into the cage.

Bill Kelliher is playing in the Connecticut league. Qualey and Devlin would fit in nicely in this league of ours but they cannot be coaxed.

We had a bad run of it last week, but Toby Matthews says that the boys will turn the trick this week all right.

ON THE ALLEYS

FINISHERS AND PACKERS PLAYED GOOD GAME.

The Finishers and Packers of the Merrimack Mfg. Co. had it out on the Les Miserables alleys Saturday with the result that the former team won by a score of 1256 to 1238. The score:

FINISHERS.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Farrell, (Capt.)	97	97	86	280
Judd	60	68	80	278
Armistead	108	83	76	267
Henderson	84	83	93	260
Pulfer	73	83	85	241
Totals	422	414	420	1256

PACKERS.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Harrington (Capt.)	64	87	70	221
Welch	80	82	97	259
Rourke	101	91	89	281
Cranfield	81	74	75	230
McAdams	85	83	79	247
Totals	411	417	410	1238

CROCODILES WON.

Quite a large crowd of the Y. M. C. A. members gathered Saturday evening to witness the boxball contest between the Crocodiles and Buffaloes, in which the former won by 37 pins. Tomorrow night's game will be between the Kangaroos and Porcupines. The score:

CROCODILES.

	1	2	3	T'ls
F. E. Atkinson (Capt.)	126	155	107	388
W. Howell	145	130	124	399
V. H. Meister	121	122	126	369
W. J. Lee	109	94	97	300
J. Eastman	128	104	131	363
Totals	629	605	585	1819

BUFFALOES.

	1	2	3	T'ls
A. B. Hobbs (Capt.)	122	128	140	390
C. McDonald	125	107	135	367
J. E. Donohue	101	87	126	314
John Grant	110	123	104	337
W. N. Sherwell, sub.	133	118	123	374
Totals	591	563	628	1782

Spares: Hobbs 2, Sherwell 2, Atkinson, Donohue, Eastman, Howell and Meister.

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

THAWING THE PIPES

SET FIRE TO THE HOUSE ON LAKEVIEW AVENUE.

An alarm from box 23 shortly before 12 o'clock yesterday summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in a house at 305 Lakeview avenue caused by an attempt to thaw out water pipes.

It was evident to the firemen that somebody had been trying to thaw out water pipes and had set adjoining woodwork on fire during the process. The lower part of the building is occupied by Owen Nerney, a grocer. The building belongs to the Percy Parker estate and the damage was slight.

F. C. Church carried the insurance on the building.

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA

MAN HAD TAKEN TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 19.—Horace Hoffman, son of a wealthy citizen of Burke county, died at his home near Morganton, yesterday of hydrophobia. Hoffman and his brother both were bitten November 8. They went to Baltimore and were three weeks at a hospital, returning home a few days ago. Saturday the symptoms of rabies developed in the younger brother, and death in a violent form ensued yesterday. The elder brother as yet has manifested no signs of the disease.

CUTTING AFFRAY

THREE GREEKS ARE IN THE HOSPITAL.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 19—Three Greeks are in the hospital with serious razor wounds, and three others are badly cut as the result of a general cutting affray at the rooms of Nicholas and Peter Lenardos at 22 Berkley street last night. The Lenardos brothers are under arrest charged with assault.

Peter Meens and Anthony Blacus were the most seriously injured. It is not thought that the wounds will prove fatal.

CASTO

AL. HAYNES, Manager.

ALL WEEK AFTERNOON AND EVENING DEC. 19

MRS. TOM THUMB
COUNT AND BARON MAGRI
IN THEIR COMEDY
"TWO STRINGS TO HER BOW"
ALL COMEDY ACTS

A Lolly Pop Free
To every person purchasing a ticket for the Saturday matinee will be presented the latest craze, a Lolly Pop.

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ADMISSION—10 CENTS
Free Ticket with every purchase of 5c or more at Bon Marche Store.

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For Chills and Sudden Colds, taken in season prevents Pneumonia. Price 25 cents.
F. & E. BAILEY & CO., Apothecaries
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WASHING FLUID COMPOUND
Potash, Sal Tartar, Ammonia and Borax:
20c Can will make 2 gallons Fluid
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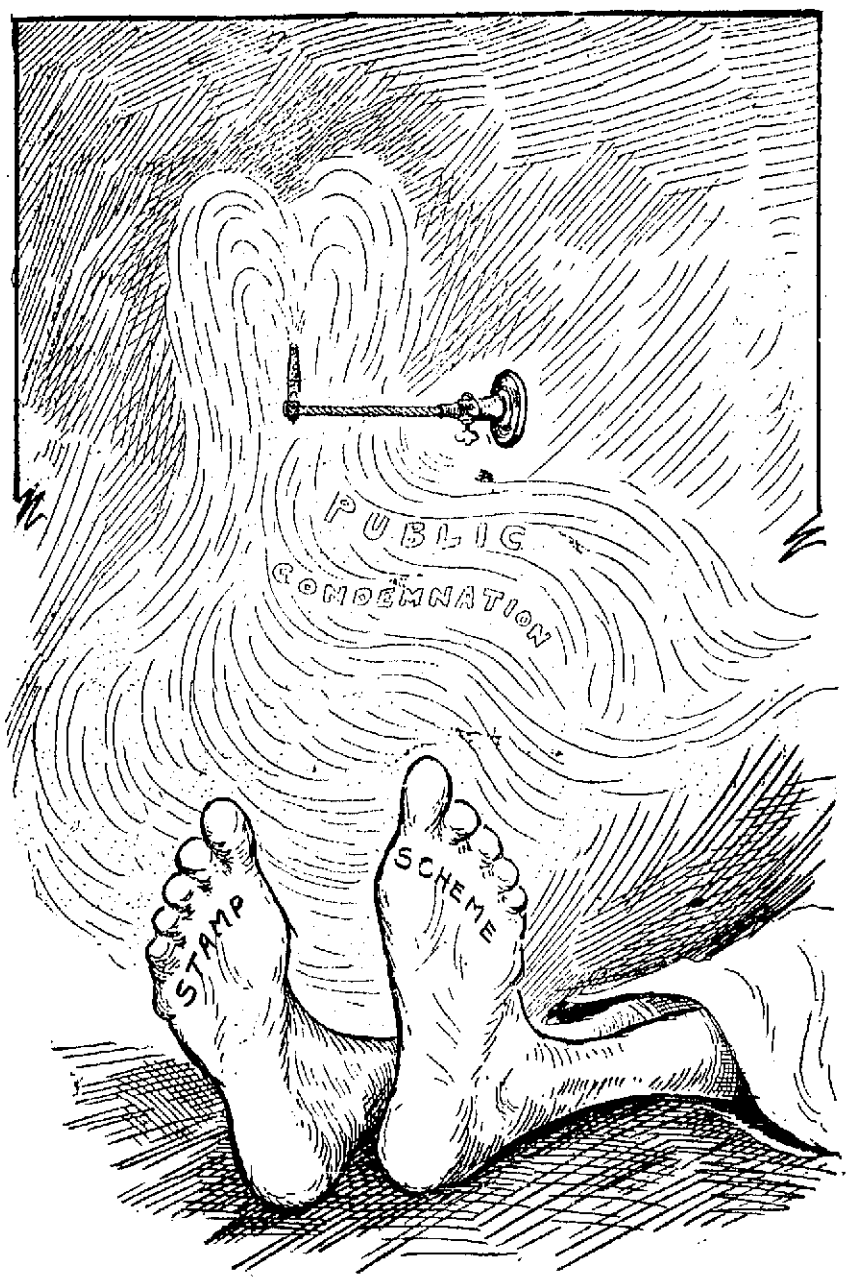

ANOTHER BAD CASE OF ASPHYXIATION.

BOXING GOSSIP

Outside of the match between Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt, which is to be decided at San Francisco next Tuesday night, and which is practically for the lightweight championship of the world, the most absorbing question just now is as to how Jim Jeffries is going to treat the sweeping definition of Marvin Hart, the young heavyweight of Louisville. Hart is now on the Pacific Coast, waiting to hear from the champion. Jeffries is always willing to fight as long as there is a logical candidate in the field. In a way, Hart appears to be a good opponent for the boilermaker, but it would be advisable for Hart to meet and defeat a few men of reputation in his class before assuming to meet Jeffries.

Some time ago Hart was willing to try his skill with Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight, of San Francisco. Before Hart left Louisville he declared that all his Southern prejudices against meeting a colored man were thrown to the winds. He said that nothing would please him better than a contest with Johnson, as he realized that by whipping Johnson he would be in a better position to command recognition from Jeffries. Now it is said, Hart has balked on a match with Johnson, and that nothing short of a $1,000,000 purse will induce him to swap blows with the big, dusky hued pugilist from the Golden Gate city. Just why Hart should assume his present front is not clear.

There must be something in Johnson's fighting make-up that has scared all of the white fighters thus far. Jeffries does not want any part of him; now Hart says he will have none of him, too. Perhaps some one has given Hart a bit of fatherly advice about Johnson's fistic ability. Every manager of heavyweights has a respect somehow for this husky black fighter and will not let his protegee take a chance. It is true that Johnson has a fine record and has never been knocked out. But in appearance he is not so formidable or ferocious looking that all those in his class should avoid him. Johnson has whipped Frank Childs, Joe Kennedy, Jack Jeffries, brother of the champion; Fred Russell, "Denver Ed" Martin, Big Sam McVey, Joe Butler, Peto Everitt and others. The only men who have made an even break with him are Joe Choynski, Hank Griffin and Ferguson. Johnson's record is all the more remarkable because he has only been fighting about four years.

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FIRE IN CHURCH

THE LOSS WILL AMOUNT TO $8000.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 19—A fire in the basement of St. Marie's Church at McGregorville, last evening, damaged the interior $8000. A lighted taper fell on the altar draperies. The fire broke through the flooring above, destroying a side altar and damaging the main altar. The altars had just been decorated by an artist from Montreal.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

LYDIA DARRAH CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The regular meeting of Lydia Darrah chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held Saturday night instead of Saturday afternoon owing to the exercises held at Dracut in the afternoon. The subject of the meeting was the Pilgrims and after the business session the program given was as follows: Piano selection, Miss Ella Prescott; paper on "The Pilgrims," Mrs. L. K. Sprague; an extract from speech of Senator Hoar, on the story of the Pilgrims, from the Bradford history; solo, "The Breaking Waves Dashed High," Mrs. Cornelius F. Callahan, reading, "The Pilgrim's Vision," Mrs. Arthur Bartlett; violin solo, Miss Gertrude Ellsi Frisbie.

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REV. SMITH T. FORD

Has Decided to Go to Chicago

HAS ACCEPTED CALL TO CHURCH THERE

His Letter of Resignation Read Yesterday

Rev. Smith Thomas Ford, D. D., has decided to accept the call to the Englewood Baptist church of Chicago. At the close of the morning service at the First Baptist church, yesterday, Rev. Dr. Ford formally tendered his resignation. His flock was not unprepared for the news of his resignation because it was told them that he had decided to accept the call. There were those, however, who still cherished the hope that he would decide to remain in Lowell. His resignation will take effect the last of next month.

After reading his letter of resignation the pastor had a little heart to heart talk with the people to whose spiritual wants he had administered for eight years or thereabouts. He thanked them for the great kindness that had been extended him and for the co-operation and good will with which his suggestions met. He hoped that the church would continue to prosper and that his successor would meet with the same kindness and sympathy as he had met with. His letter of resignation:

December 18, 1904.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the First Baptist Church, Lowell, Mass.:

After long and prayerful consideration, and under firm conviction that I am doing right, I beg to present my resignation of the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Lowell, Mass.

The eight and one-half years I have spent with you have been happy years of service, and with your support and the blessing of God, they have been marked by great success. You have given me your love and confidence in fullest measure. I have given you the utmost of my strength and devotion. I think we all look with a reasonable degree of satisfaction upon what has been accomplished during these years. A remodeled church building, dedicated free of debt, the financial condition most satisfactory, and about 650 added to the church, making the present membership of the church over 1200. This has been accomplished only by unabated zeal, union of effort and large giving.

You are in a position to do splendid work under the leadership of some man of God, whom I trust you will be divinely guided to select as your pastor; and I shall ever be solicitous for the welfare of this church.

I bear away no scars of conflict. I hope I have caused no heart to ache. I go to assume great responsibilities as pastor of the Englewood Baptist church of Chicago. I am sure my longings will not be disappointed that I shall be sustained by your effectual prayers.

I desire that this resignation shall take effect the last of January, 1905.

Yours in Christian love,

SMITH THOMAS FORD.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

The annual Christmas concert in the vestry of the Grace Universalist church last evening was perhaps one of the best of its kind that has ever been given by the young people of this church. Every number was rendered in an artistic and highly pleasing manner.

Dr. Taylor, superintendent of the Sunday school, had general charge of the arrangements, and to his untiring efforts last evening's success is largely due. Among those who took part in solo parts were: Erwin Smith, Constance Hilton, Florence and Gertrude Wehbeck, Dorothy Burdick, Dorothy Lyman, Ruth Davis, Edna Lofthouse, Florence Bixby, Esther Stickney, Clara Shay and Huzel Brown. Besides these there were choruses, class numbers and primary and intermediate department numbers. The music was led by Mr. Wibberly and accompanists were Miss Maude Marshall and Miss Edwards. The children who took part in the program were tutored by Miss E. A. Stillings.

ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

At the First Congregational church last evening the Union Missionary meeting was attended by a very large number of people from all the Congregational churches in the city. Seldom or ever has there been a more fervent or enthusiastic meeting. The preacher of the occasion was the Rev. Robert Hume, D. D., who spoke on Indian missions.

The pastors taking part in the services were the Revs. J. M. Greene, D. D., George E. Martin, D. D., and the Rev. E. R. Smith.

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MEN'S MEETING AT THE CASTO.

The men's meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Casto Theatre yesterday afternoon was a great success, for there were fully 600 men present and considering the storm this was a very excellent showing. Outside the address of the afternoon the especial feature of the meeting was perhaps the appearance of the Alabama Jubilee Singers. These artists certainly captivated the large number of men present by the manner in which they rendered several of the old southern plantation melodies. Their rich intonations rarely heard in this part of the country were certainly worth braving the storm to hear.

The speaker of the afternoon was the Rev. Arthur P. Wedge pastor of the Worthen Street Baptist church and his subject was a "Gilt Edged Investment," which he treated in an up to date manner. During the course of his remarks the reverend speaker referred to the recent Chadwick scandal, which has occupied the attention of the entire country for the past month. The speaker went on to say what a revelation it was to find out this startling news and how many of us laugh at the men who were duped yet the world is so greedy to get rich quick that it grabs at almost anything that gives any promise of rendering rich returns with little outlay and with scarcely any investigation as to their real merit. He did not mean to say that there were no gilt edged securities, neither was he an alarmist even if Tom Lawson was rapping the "system" and telling about the Massachusetts Legislature. He believes that there are yet honest men in the world and right here in Lowell he could find a great number. I come to you this afternoon as a promoter and claim for my company that it is the oldest, has the largest number of stockholders and has never missed a dividend. The leader of this company offers you a share in it. Another attractive feature is the stock itself which if you invest gives you a character. Now comes the question what is the cost of the stock to you and to me? There will be some unhappy homes this Christmas because of the fluctuations on Wall street last week. Men who invested their all have had it swept away and are left penniless. Our company asks for no more than any other. We ask for you all. What about the gilt edged part of this investment? Can the president make good his claim? Why does this captain offer stock in this company? Because he wants to make $4,000,000 a week? No, because the captain loves you and wants you to have the very best. Far beyond any word we can give or any promise a preacher can make the president will make good anything we can offer."

BRANCH STREET TABERNACLE.

The pastor of the Branch Street Tabernacle, the Rev. Asa Reed Dilts, preached an eloquent sermon on the subject "Does Death End All?" at the Sunday evening service.

The speaker impressed upon his hearers that there was something after death. The especial feature at these services is the very beautiful musical program given every Sunday evening.

CENTRALVILLE M. E. CHURCH.

At the Centralville M. E. church yesterday morning the Rev. E. P. Herrick delivered a very eloquent sermon upon the text: "Turn, oh, backsliding children". Mr. Cyrus Johnson sang by request, "The Plains of Peace", in fine voice.

At night the pastor, Rev. F. M. Pickles preached on Elijah at Mt. Carmel, I Kings 18: 41-45, the subject being "Lessons on Prayer". A deep interest prevailed in the service. The singing was unusually fine and well supported by the orchestra.

CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH.

Evangelist Deveau delivered a forcible discourse at the Central Methodist church Sunday morning, his text was "Will a man rob God?" The speaker said that God's word put many questions to us. He dwelt at some length upon the question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

BOURKE COCKRAN

MADE ATTACK ON SYSTEM OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 19—Before an audience of nearly 1000 people, who assembled in the New Rochelle Theatre yesterday afternoon to hear a joint debate under the auspices of the People's Forum, on the question, "Should Religious Instruction Be Given in the Public Schools?" Congressman W. Bourke Cockran of New York attacked the system of public instruction in the state, and said it was not Christian, but agnostic. He declared the public schools were rapidly becoming the poor schools, and that every day the withdrawal of the rich was increasing.

There is a letter at this office for James A. Powers.

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—AFTERNOON—
1 March, "Dawn of Peace," Pierson
2 Waltzes, "My Lady Peggy," Nugent
3 Two-Step, "A Swell Affair," Colburne
4 Overture, "Northern Lights," Weidt
5 Song Waltz, "Tell Me With Your Eyes," A. Von Tilzer
6 Two-Step, "The Goo Goo Man," from "Isle of Spice," Schindler-Jerome
7 Selection, "Winsome Winnie," Rawlin-Kerker
8 Waltzes, "Cupid's Glance," Eno
9 Two-Step, "Waupansch," Chapel
(Intermission 10 minutes.)
10 Song Waltz, "Somebody's Waiting for Me," Chattaway
11 Overture, "Treasures," Mohl
12 Two-Step, "Kawkwa Club," Knebler
13 Gavotte Elegante, "Affaire D'Amour," Pulmer
14 Waltzes, "Ramona," Alstyne
15 Song Schottische, "By the Watermelon Vine," Allen
16 Two-Step, "The Guest of Honor," Kendall
Helen Louise Eaton, leader.

—EVENING—
1 March, "The Oshkosh Chief," Farrand
2 Song Waltz, "She, the Pride and Pet of the Lane," Chattaway
3 Two-Step, "Vanity Girl," Kuebler
4 Reverie, "Apple Blossoms," Roberts
5 Waltzes, "The Myriad Dancer," Allen
6 Overture, "Lustspiel," Keler Bela
7 Two-Step, "Laces and Graces," Setzer-Bratton
8 Caprice, "Venetian Beauty," Wolfe
(Intermission 10 minutes.)
9 Two-Step, "Under the American Eagle," Ellis
10 Waltzes, "Treasure Trove," Whiting
11 Selection, "Three Little Maids," Rubens
12 Two-Step, "The Marconigram," Allen
13 A Novelty, "Sunburst," Gilder
14 Song Waltz, "A Kiss for Each Day in the Week," Smith
15 Two-Step, "Rialto Belles," Frantzen
Helen Louise Eaton, leader.

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HAND TUB DAYS

How the Fire Department Was Conducted

"Lowell Fire Department, 1857-72" is the title of an old book which I happened to pick from a table in Chief Hosmer's office at the central fire station the other day. The book contained the annual reports of the fire department from 1857 up to and including 1872. The contents of the book proved to be very interesting inasmuch as they gave a good chance to compare the fire department of half a century ago with that of the present day.

Weare Clifford was chief engineer in 1857. In his report which included from April 1, 1857, to March 31, 1858, he stated that the department had been called out 66 times, there having been 38 fires, in the city, 25 false alarms and three alarms originating out of the city. The fact that nearly half of the alarms were false may seem very peculiar to the people of the present day, but in those days when a person discovered a fire he shouted "Fire" at the top of his voice and the word was passed around until some bell ringer heard it and then the bells were tolled and the firemen had to hunt for the fire.

The last paragraph in Chief Clifford's report read: "The engine houses are all in good condition. Engines Nos. 1 and 5, with the hose carriage belonging to Ocean Hydrant Co., will require painting and varnishing the present year."

The roster of the department in '57 included one chief engineer and seven assistants and the following companies: Excelsior Engine Co., No. 1, Central street, 41 members; Rocket Engine Co., No. 2, Ayers' New City, have no house (volunteer company not obliged to attend fires in the city); Wamesit Engine Co., No. 3, Warren street, 41 members; Merrimack Engine Co., No. 4, Colburn street, 50 members; Tiger Engine Co., No. 5, Race street, 41 members; Maxeppa Engine Co., No. 10, Fayette street, 41 members; Torrent Engine Co., No. 12, Middlesex street, 41 members; Deluge Engine Co., No. 14 Bleachery street, 39 members; Franklin Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Middle street, 41 members; and Ocean Hydrant Co., No. 1, Warren street, 15 members.

In connection with the list of members of each company was a description of the different engines and carriages, all of which were hauled with the assistance of long ropes by the firemen. The different companies each had from 700 to 1500 feet of hose and in each instance about half of the hose was considered unreliable.

Lowell at that time boasted of 16,954 feet of water pipe laid throughout the city and 78 hydrants, all of which were located near the centre of the city. The form of making out the annual list of fires was rather crude and proved very interesting reading. On Sunday, April 19, at 11¼ p.m. a fire was discovered in a stable in Lewis street. Neither the loss nor insurance was known. A dwelling house adjoining was considerably damaged. The next few paragraphs read as follows:

"6—A little later—A stable in the rear of Conner's meal store on Merrimack street was discovered to be on fire. Easily extinguished.

"7—Still later—Fire was found in the attic of Castles block on Lowell street the property of J. W. Barker of Methuen. Roof destroyed.

"8—Simultaneously with the latter—A shanty on Adams street was entirely consumed.

"These fires were undoubtedly the work of an incendiary."

Among the members of Wamesit Engine Co., No. 3, was Edward Hosmer, aged 21 years, silversmith, residing at 1 Livermore street, who is chief of the local fire department at the present time, though Chief Hosmer had been running with the Fire King since 1852, the headquarters of that tub at that time being where Conant's stable is located in Central street today. While Chief Hosmer was running with the Fire King, which was a volunteer company at that time, he assisted in extinguishing the fire which burned all of the buildings from the corner of Dutton and Fletcher streets to the corner of Cushing and Fletcher streets in 1856.

In the report of 1859 appears the name of James F. Norton, 21, gas fitter, Lowell street, who is now the assistant chief of the local fire department, he having been connected with the volunteer Excelsior company since 1855.

Among the many peculiar causes for alarms of fire during different years are the following:

Thursday, June 3, 7 p. m., 1858—Alarm occasioned by the ringing of the court house bell.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m.—Alarm occasioned by the brilliancy of the Northern lights.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 1859, evening—At about 8 an alarm was spread. It was occasioned by lights used by the workmen in the canal.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 p.m., same year—An alarm called out the whole department. It originated in a fire in Billerica.

Thursday evening, Dec. 15—A cry of fire arising from a report that fire had again broken out in the ruins of the Parker block. It proved to be a false report.

Sept. 23, 1861, 2 a.m.—The old Tavern stand and buildings adjoining in the middle of the town of Chelmsford were burnt. A portion of the department went up and played on the ruins.

Nov. 2, 1861, 8.30 p. m.—An alarm was occasioned by the accidental ringing of the alarm bell.

Dec. 29, 1861, 4.30 p.m.—Fire was discovered in the guard house at Camp Chase. It was totally destroyed, together with a small stable.

May 26, 1862, 10 a. m.—The alarm bell rang, not in consequence of a fire, but to call the volunteer militia together at the armories.

August 16, 1862, 6.30 p. m.—The fire department was called out by the ringing of the alarm bell for the war meeting.

May 13, 1863—Fire broke out in the picker room of the Engle mills at West Chelmsford, owned by several gentlemen in this city. There being no means at hand to extinguish the flames, word was sent to this city for an engine and steamer Game Cock, No. 2, was sent up by railroad and rendered good service.

Among the big fires which occurred during the time which is covered by the book are the following: Fire in Noreross, Saunders & Co.'s saw mill, Oct. 28, 1858, loss $27,000.

Jan. 6, 1863—Fire in Suffolk mills, loss $29,000.

July 21, 1863—Fire occasioned by explosion of boiler at 82 Middle street. By this terrible accident five men were killed and several others injured. The loss was about $13,000.

April 20, 1864—Destructive fire at the Wamesit mills, loss $40,000.

July 17, 1864—Destructive fire in Ayer's City. Tannery and buildings connected with it totally destroyed. Two dwelling houses adjoining were also totally destroyed, the loss amounting to over $100,000.

Sept. 17, 1865—Destructive fires at Wentworth building, loss $14,740.

June 25, 1867—Fire in bedstead factory in Broadway, loss $49,000.

May 27, 1869—Fire in Lowell Machine shop foundry, loss $10,000.

The report also shows that on May 11, 1866, a disastrous fire started in Otis Allen's saw mill in Middlesex street, the loss being about $20,000. Before the fire alarm was given the fire had communicated to the saw mills and several other buildings in the vicinity. Logs floating down the canal set fire to several bridges and also to the car house of the Boston & Lowell railroad. The lumber on the opposite side of the canal caught fire, but was soon extinguished.

Chief Weare Clifford in making out his report in 1866 wrote: The department consists of 200 men, and about two-thirds have left during the year. This is owing to the small compensation which they received; and they being better compensated for their labor now, I think there will be no trouble in procuring good and efficient members.

On August 19, 1871, the fire alarm telegraph system was instituted and put into operation. The system did not work very well at first for Chief George Hobson in his report stated it was anticipated that the introduction of the telegraph would obviate to a considerable extent unnecessary alarms; thus far that anticipation has not been realized.

The first alarm to be rung in was box 34, located at the corner of Tanner and Lincoln streets, that same box being located at the same place at the present time. In fact the 22 boxes put up during the first year occupy the same positions and numbers today that they did at that time, only that more improved boxes have been introduced and are now in use.

Before the final report contained in the book heretofore mentioned horses were introduced to draw the different pieces of apparatus, and the speed of getting to fires was much facilitated. It also reduced the number of members in the different companies. The introduction of the fire alarm telegraph system also eliminated many of the false alarms.

By reading the foregoing story people can imagine how the department was conducted a half century ago, also what the department consisted of, the different fires, the manner in which they were reported and handled and many other crude manners of the department. It is certainly amusing as well as interesting to look back fifty years and compare the ancient apparatus and the methods used for extinguishing fires as compared with the modern methods and excellence of today.

NEW BOWLING LEAGUE

FORMED BY LOCAL COUNCILS OF ROYAL ARCANUM.

The Royal Arcanum councils of this city and of North Billerica have formed a bowling league, the following councils to be represented: Lowell, Highland, Industry, Centralville, Rochambeau and North Billerica. A tournament of 10 weeks is to be bowled, on the Bowlaway alleys, Hurd street. The schedule:

First week—Jan. 2, Industry vs. Centralville; Jan. 4, Lowell vs. Rochambeau; Jan. 6, Highland vs. No. Billerica.

Second week—Jan. 9, Lowell vs. Centralville; Jan. 11, Industry vs. No. Billerica; Jan. 13, Highland vs. Rochambeau.

Third week—Jan. 16, Lowell vs. No. Billerica; Jan. 18, Highland vs. Centralville; Jan. 20, Industry vs. Rochambeau.

Fourth week—Jan. 23, Centralville vs. Rochambeau; Jan. 25, Lowell vs. Highland; Jan. 27, Industry vs. No. Billerica.

Fifth week—Jan. 30, Industry vs. Lowell; Feb. 1, Centralville vs. Highland; Feb. 3, No. Billerica vs. Rochambeau.

Sixth week—Feb. 6, Industry vs. Centralville; Feb. 8, Highland vs. No. Billerica; Feb. 10, Lowell vs. Rochambeau.

Seventh week—Feb. 13, Industry vs. No. Billerica; Feb. 15, Lowell vs. Centralville; Feb. 17, Highland vs. Rochambeau.

Eighth week—Feb. 20, Lowell vs. No. Billerica; Feb. 22, Highland vs. Centralville; Feb. 24, Industry vs. Rochambeau.

Ninth week—Feb. 27, Centralville vs. Rochambeau; March 1, Lowell vs. Highland; March 3, Industry vs. No. Billerica.

Tenth week—March 13, Industry vs. Lowell; March 15, Centralville vs. Highland; March 17, No. Billerica vs. Rochambeau.

The following is the committee from the several councils:

Clarence E. Edwards, Lowell No. 8, president; John McKinley, Industry No. 1722, secretary; Felix D. Langevin, Highland No. 970; Herbert L. Bishop, Centralville No. 1723; Ed. Costello, No. Billerica No. 1323; Joseph Audette, Rochambeau No. 2064.

DENIS A. O'BRIEN

TO TAKE PART IN A PLAY AT BOSTON COLLEGE.

The annual Christmastide play under the auspices of the students of Boston college will be given tomorrow night at the college hall in James street, Boston. The drama to be presented will be "The Merchant of Venice." Many Lowell people will attend the performances owing mainly to the fact that Denis A. O'Brien, son of Denis O'Brien, the Bridge street druggist, will appear in the cast.

A Boston paper in speaking of the play has the following to say:

"Denis A. O'Brien, '08, of Lowell, will take the part of Bassino. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and prepared for college at the Lowell high school. He was graduated an honor man in his class, and was the valedictorian. He is identified with the St. Cecilia and Glee clubs."

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Earle Fowler, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Fowler, was united in marriage to Miss Blanche M. Coulom, at the home of the groom's father, 1780 Middlesex street, yesterday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Smith T. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist church. The wedding was very quiet on account of the illness in the family. Only relatives were present, and the bride and bridegroom were unattended. They went to Philadelphia today, in which city Mr. Fowler has a business position.

CONSIDINE—McCALLUM.

Patrick Considine and Miss Elizabeth C. McCallum, both of this city, were united in marriage Saturday evening by Rev. J. M. Craig at his residence, 3 Belmont street.

HORSE RAN AWAY.

Dr. R. E. Bell's horse figured in an exciting runaway in Green street Saturday and before he was captured did considerable damage. "Tommy" Burbage, of baseball fame, had driven Dr. Bell to the depot and was on his way to the doctor's residence when the animal started to run.

The horse made a dash down Green street and struck a pole throwing the driver to the street and leaving him behind. The animal was caught on the bridge on Church street.

FROZEN IN BED

Stephen O'Mara Died in the Hospital

BOSTON, Dec. 19—Stephen O'Meara, aged 35, of 32 Matthews street, Chelsea, was found unconscious in bed at his home yesterday morning, one side of his body being frozen. He died at the Frost hospital at 2 in the afternoon.

The police say that O'Meara didn't get home till late Saturday night, and when he retired he left the bedroom window open. Early in the morning he was found unconscious, and Dr. Mahoney was called in. Then it was discovered that one side of his body was frozen, and he was immediately taken to the hospital. It was also found that he was suffering from pneumonia.

AMESBURY SCARE

MANY CASES OF SCARLET FEVER IN AMESBURY.

AMESBURY, Dec. 19—An epidemic of scarlet fever has broken out in town and in consequence of 28 cases being reported, the board of health has decided to close the public schools not already closed for the holidays. Dr. Adams, chairman of the board of health, said this evening that the board was unable to state the source of the disease, but was making an investigation.

"It is true," he said, "that many of the cases are in families that take milk of one dealer. A personal investigation of the premises yesterday afternoon failed to disclose any contagion, but it was reported to me yesterday afternoon that there was a case of the fever developing in the driver's family yesterday."

At the first appearance of the disease it was confined to a triangle bounded by High, Market and Prospect streets, but yesterday new cases have developed in other sections of the town.

It is believed that besides the 28 cases that are fully developed there are enough suspected to bring the number up to 40.

The owner of the milk route denies that there has been any disease in his family previous to yesterday.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar.

STRUCK BY CAR

OCCUPANTS OF HACK IN PROVIDENCE WERE INJURED.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—A collision between a North Attleboro electric car, bound for Providence, and a hack, on its way to this city, occurred last evening on Pawtucket avenue. David Collins, his wife and two children were occupants of the hack, having been to a funeral in Providence. All were more or less injured and the driver of the hack, Simon Powers, sustained a broken right arm and a severe injury to his left side. The horses were thrown and hurt, while the hack was badly damaged.

Mrs. Collins received the most serious injuries and was taken to her home, 10 Dexter street. Her husband, was unconscious from an injury to his head, and his 8-year-old daughter, Mary, received two bad scalp wounds. The boy, who is about 10 years old, escaped with a few minor bruises.

The collision occurred owing to the hack driver's attempt to cut across in front of the car.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

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The holiday buyers will be out in full force this week. We are prepared for them, but strongly advise that shopping be done in the early hours of the morning. But come when you may, you will always find perfect service and an immense variety of stocks from which to make a selection.

Christmas Furs

SECOND FLOOR

Special Offer of Fine Furs at Gilbride's the Price Cutters

Furs carefully selected for fine color and durable quality, not for the sake of smallness of price. The largest variety of Fine Furs in Lowell. If you need Furs this is the store which will do the right thing by you, as we are very careful what we say or do about furs.

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SABLE SETS—Large Shawl Collar, with beautiful 9-stripe Flat Muff, value $100, special.....$82.50 SET

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Get the Gilbride Habit. Join the Crowd—Shop Here and Save Money. Gilbride's is the Place for Fine Furs. Gilbride's the Price Cutters

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Saturday Was a Corker, the Biggest and Best Day We Ever Had

PURE NORWEGIAN **Cod Liver Oil**

35C PER PINT

New lot just received.

C. B. COBURN CO.

63 MARKET STREET.

Fire, Smoke and Water Sale

Beginning Wednesday Morning—Our Entire Stock of

Boots, Shoes and Rubbers

Including 600 pairs W. L. Douglas Shoes, $4000 worth of Rubbers and a large stock of Ladies' and Boys' Shoes will be closed out regardless of cost.

A. SMITH

517 Middlesex St. Opp. St. Lawrence Hotel

CHRISTMAS

Rice Pop Corn

6c Lb.

5 Lbs. for 25c

ALL SHELLED

The Thompson Hardware Co.

We Shall Be Open Every Evening This Week

We Offer a Few Suggestions

Our Store is Filled with Thousands of Useful Gifts

Carving Knives

A Splendid Assortment,

35c to $25.00

Over 100 Patterns to select from.

Pocket Knives

Always a good present for anybody.

For the Home

CARPET SWEEPERS—Every home should have one. Prices..$2.00 to $3.00

Fireplace Goods

Andirons, Fenders, Screens, Fire Sets, Hearth Brushes.

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We have an elegant line of Ladies, Spoons, Forks, Coffee Spoons, Oyster Forks, Soup Spoons, Cold Meat Forks, etc.

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We always carry an extensive line.

Carvers from 35c to $25.

Table Knives in pearl and celluloid handles.

Scissors and Shears in single pieces and in sets.

Button Hole Scissors, Manicure Scissors, Embroidery Scissors.

FOR THE BOY AND GIRL WE HAVE

SKATES

Barney & Berry's and other popular makes.

PRICES 50C UPWARDS

Sled Runner Skates, perfectly safe for the little ones, sizes 7 inch to 10 inch.

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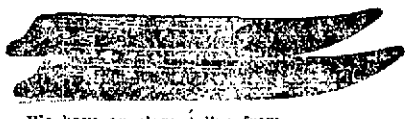

We have an elegant line from 25c TO $4.50

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We have a fine line of small watches for boys and girls.

CAMERAS

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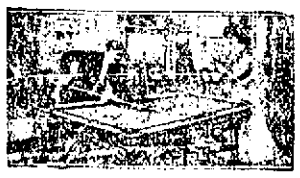
GAMES

We have a great variety of good home games, too numerous to mention here. We name a few:

Sherlock Holmes, Flinch, Bid, Pit, Jack Straws, Dominoes, Ballado Boards



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SPECIAL SALE $2.50 TO $8.00.

About two-thirds regular price.

FIVE O'CLOCK BRASS TEA KETTLES

$1.49—Regular price $2.00.

Lamp Portables

Elegant line. These make a fine present.

Thermometers and Barometers

For Indoor and Outdoor.

For the Gentlemen.

Pocket Knives

We have an elegant line of Fancy Pocket Knives and Combination Knives.

TOOLS AND TOOL CHESTS

Tools always make an acceptable gift for a man.

Razors

We have a full line of Safety Razors in sets and single.

Brushes and Strops.

The THOMPSON HARDWARE CO.

John F. Saunders

DEALER IN MEATS AND PROVISIONS

159 Corham Street, Cor. Summer

—TELEPHONE CONNECTION.—

Fresh Killed Fowl, 12 to 16c lb.
Best Sirloin Roast Beef 12c lb.
Best Rib Roast Beef 8 to 10c lb.
Best Roast Pork 9c lb.
Best Smoked Bacon 12c lb.
Best Hams 11c lb.
Best Smoked Shoulders 8c lb.
Fresh Shoulders 9c lb.
Best Round Steak, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Best Rump and Sirloin Steak 15c lb.
Best Corned Beef 5 to 7c lb.

Best Legs Veal 10c lb.
Best Short Cut Legs Lamb 10c lb.
Best Cape Cod Cranberries 5c qt.
Best Bread Flour 85c bag, $6.75 bbl.
Best Butterine 10 to 15c lb.
Best Creamery Butter 5-lb. boxes $1.50
Best Green Mountain Potatoes 18c peck, 70c bushel.
6 lbs. of Large Prunes 25c
20-lb. Pail Compound Lard $1.40.
Fresh Eggs 25c dozen.

CANNED GOODS A SPECIALTY

Best Maine Corn.....3 for 25c
Best Red Salmon.....2 for 25c.
Best Peaches.....2 for 25c
Best Peas.....3 for 25c
Best Pears.....3 for 25c
Challenge Milk.....3 for 25c
Good Mince Meat, 7c pkg., 4 pkgs. for 25c
Pink Salmon.....3 cans 25c
Clams.....3 cans 25c

LEGAL STAMPS

SPECIAL ON CORNED BEEF—3 for 1 any kind of Stamps on 6c and 7c Corned Beef.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.
From Merrimack St.

5.45, 6.22, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.23, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 8 45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston.		From Boston.	
Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.28	7.40	8.33	7.26
6.39	7.52	7.04	8.54
6.49	7.55	8.23	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.37
7.21	8.10	10.00	10.37
7.31	8.59	10.17	11.34
7.48	8.35	11.30	12.07
8.32	10.05	12.05	12.56
8.55	9.44	1.00	1.37
9.33	10.10	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.50
1.44	2.50	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.39	5.38	6.23
3.47	4.50	5.47	6.54
4.23	5.30	* 6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.06
5.49	7.05	8.30	9.08
6.12	6.53	10.30	11.54
7.29	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.
From Middlesex St.

To Boston.		From Boston.	
Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.55	7.40	8.31
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.23	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.10	1.03
12.05	1.20	2.15	3.22
12.50	2.00	3.38	4.30
2.30	3.35	4.59	5.49
3.10	4.05	6.01	7.02
3.55	5.00	6.55	7.44
5.06	6.40	8.40	10.25
6.15	7.10	*11.10	12.18
7.00	8.00		
9.30	10.28		

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.25	8.00	9.1
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.55	4.50	4.05	6.25
5.32	6.34		
8.03	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.30	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.24	8.10		
8.48	9.49	11.30	12.07
9.20	10.15	1.10	1.57
2.25	3.27	6.00	5.50
5.29	6.30	7.30	8.08
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.08
		9.00	10.02

LOCAL NEWS

Tobin's—Printing—Associate Bldg. Tel.

T. A. D. Sullivan, wholesale grocer.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SET UP A NOVEL DEFENCE IN INSURANCE CASE.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 19.—Counsel for the national council, Knights of Columbus, have made an unexpected move as defendants in the suit brought against the order by the heirs of the late Hon. Patrick Coughlin of this city, claiming that it has refused to pay them $1000, the death benefit of the deceased.

It was thought that the defence would be that Mr. Coughlin was a Free Mason, and therefore not in good standing in the order. Instead, the defence is that he ceased to be a member in August, 1903, because he did not pay his monthly assessment within 30 days of the time it was due, although he paid up later.

Members of the order in this state are greatly interested in the matter because there are very many who have at some time exceeded the time limit of 30 days in paying their dues.

Christmas Gifts

Ladies can find dainty toilet articles for Christmas gifts at

MISS M. J. CALLAGHAN'S HAIR DRESSING ROOMS,
Old City Hall Building.

J. J. O'Connell. J. J. Cushman.

J. J. O'CONNELL & CO
Funeral Directors
1010 Central St. Davis Sq.
Telephone Connection.

SAVED FROM DEATH

Heroic Rescue of 156 Children by Nuns

Fire in St. Vincent De Paul Asylum in Providence—Little Tots Carried in Arms From Burning Building

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 19.—The infant asylum of the St. Vincent de Paul society on Regent avenue took fire yesterday and was damaged to the extent of $20,000.

In the building at the time were 156 children, many of them helpless babes in arms, and none more than six years of age.

By the perfect bravery and coolness of the sisters and firemen, aided by the police and volunteer life-savers, every one of the children was taken out of the building safely. Several of the rescuers were burned, those most severely being Sisters Lallgard, Mary Paul and Zacharia, and Watchman John H. Henderson. Twelve of the children were taken to the Rhode Island hospital, where the doctors said they were sick chiefly from the smoke and fright and exposure.

The fire started about midday in the kitchen from unknown causes and rapidly communicated with the upper stories of the building, through a dumb waiter shaft, which extended to the roof. It was discovered by one of the nuns, who noticed smoke pouring from the shaft, and shortly afterward broke out into the third story, where a large number of children were lying ill abed.

Because of the peculiar construction of the building, which has a number of wings, the fire could not spread far beyond the portion first affected, and did not burn the entire structure. The water damage, however, is considerable. The asylum was valued at about $50,000, with about $30,000 insurance.

The sister superior, Mother Mary, formerly of Boston, was quick to realize the situation when the fire started, and she promptly took command, leading the rescuers. From the dormitories on the upper floors the babies and little ones, too small to toddle, were carried, the sisters and others making many trips. Men, women and children from all the neighborhood rushed to the asylum to aid.

All about the spacious grounds of the asylum there was a considerable depth of snow and the storm of the night had made the paths and the roads almost impassable. This blockade caused delay in getting the fire apparatus on the scene, and when a hydrant was finally reached and water was turned on, there was a lack of pressure and the stream was so feeble that it failed to reach to the second story of the burning asylum.

As the day advanced the snow ceased and the sun came out with an unusual warmth for this season of the year, a blessing for the infants and small children without shelter.

From all parts of the city carriages were sent. Hacks carried many, and sleighs and big vans were filled with the homeless children and the sisters. To South Providence, several miles away, the greater portion of the little ones were conveyed, to the St. Aloysius orphan asylum on Prairie avenue.

The poor department was called upon to house and care for 28 others, the charitable institution being overcrowded and unable to care for all the infants. Still others were taken to a new home on Eaton street.

Pick out from among your friends the one who manages her household most economically and you will find she uses Lowell Coke

New Xmas goods. Oriental Bazaar.

GEORGE GARDNER

REPORT FROM BUTTE SAYS HE IS NOT ILL.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 19.—All day and night telegrams have been coming to newspapers here and the friends of George Gardner, saying he was reported seriously ill.

Inquiry at his brother's saloon at 10.30 last night elicited information that George Gardner had started home 15 minutes before, in splendid health.

About a week ago he took a heavy cold. For a time it was thought he would have pneumonia. He got over it, however, and was in his brother Jimmie's corner when the latter whipped Jack O'Keefe Thursday night.

Relative to the above dispatch Michael Cushing of the Belvidere hotel said to a reporter of The Sun today: "I think that George is ill despite the report to the contrary. I received the telegram from him as stated in The Sun Saturday in which he asked me to go on to Butte as he was suffering from pneumonia. His parents also were notified of his illness and I cannot understand why George or any of his friends should send such news unless there was some foundation for it.

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THE SNOW STORM

First Sleighing This Season Yesterday

The first heavy snow storm of the present winter was ushered into Lowell shortly after midnight yesterday morning. While the flakes were large and the wind was high the local street railroad did not experience any difficulty in running their cars on time owing to the fact that the snow plows were put out on different routes as soon as the storm started. A few of the trains running into Lowell were a little late, but no serious difficulty was encountered. Owing to the dryness of the snow the local telephone and telegraph wires escaped damage. The skating which was very good prior to the storm was spoiled, but the sleighing at the present time is very good and many people made the most of the fine condition of the roads yesterday and enjoyed a spin out through the country.

It was shortly after midnight yesterday morning when the first flakes of snow fell, and by one o'clock the storm looked as though it was going to be a big one. The wind became stronger and this meant trouble for the local street railway. Eleven of the big plows, however, were sent over the different routes keeping the rails cleared. The plows continued to traverse the different routes throughout the city and suburbs until eight o'clock yesterday morning when the seven "nose" plows were taken off and the four "shear" plows kept up the work until noon. All of the lines were running on time, and as the wind died down the running of the cars was made easier.

Last night at eight o'clock two of the big Boston plows were sent out from the car barn and from that time until midnight they sanded the rails and levelled down the snow.

The two storm fences on the Chelmsford Centre line, one of which is in Chelmsford street just above the city line and the other at Golden Cove kept the rails in these exposed spots cleared and the storm fences between here and Lawrence also did good work. The local road experienced much difficulty last winter on the Chelmsford Centre line by the snow blowing on to the rails in exposed places, but the introduction of the storm fence will without doubt do away with this nuisance.

This morning several fences were sent down in Georgetown, near Haverhill, where there are several barren spots.

About ten o'clock the storm ceased and the streets and roads in the suburbs were in fine condition for sleighing. Those who owned sleighs had them out while the livery stables in this city did a good business. If the fall snow continues the sleighing will be good for quite a while and the present snow will make a good foundation for the next storm.

FIRE ON LYON STREET.

An alarm from box 51 at 7.24 o'clock Saturday night summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in the attic of a house owned and occupied by John Box in Lyon street. The fire started in a corner of the attic near a window and was undoubtedly caused by children paying with matches.

The fire had got a good headway before it was discovered and before it was extinguished the rafters were badly scorched.

THE O'SULLIVAN BROS. CO.
OPP. CITY HALL.

Xmas shopping is a pleasure when you know that any article you buy can be exchanged after Christmas—of course you will include slippers among your gifts. There is nothing will please the recipient so much as a pair of our TAN MILLIFINS OR BLACK VICI KID FAUST'S—TAN VICI OPERA OR BLACK VICI KID OPERA; you can buy these fine slippers here from $1.00 up to $3.00.

Boys in our days want slippers just like father's. It will please the mother to find here just what she is looking for in slippers for the boys or for little gents.

Tan, Vici or Black Kid

The Dolge Felt Slippers

have no equal in the line of fur trimmed slippers, it is not fair to confound them with shoddy fur trimmed, with paper counter. We have the Dolge goods down to the baby sizes, fur trimmed Romeos

75c up to $2

Grandma's

Choice would be Fleece Lined Boots, warm and yet light,

$1, $1.25, $1.50

Grandpa

Would like the Dolge Felt Romeo with leather sole,

$1.50

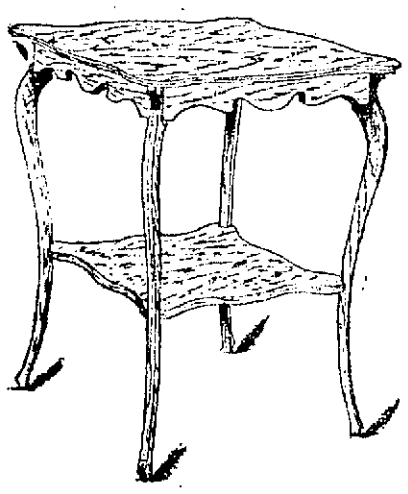
PRESCOTT STREET PRICES **ROBERTSON & CO.** PRESCOTT STREET PRICES

Gigantic Christmas Purchase Now On Sale

ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS

We cannot impress upon you too strongly the tremendous importance of this great purchase. Absolutely no sale of ours in the past has ever compared with this one in its astounding money saving opportunities. It is an unprecedented occasion concerning which this department is particularly enthusiastic. Bear in mind that this furniture is bought at first hand and placed directly from the factory on our floors, without any middleman's profit.

Beginning Monday Our Store Will Be Open Till 10 O'Clock Evenings



PARLOR TABLES

Over 100 different styles and prices, from

$2.98 to $25

LADIES' DESKS

50 Ladies' Desks, some in solid oak, some mahogany, handsomely finished and a splendid Christmas gift. Prices from

$3.50 to $35

MUSIC CABINETS

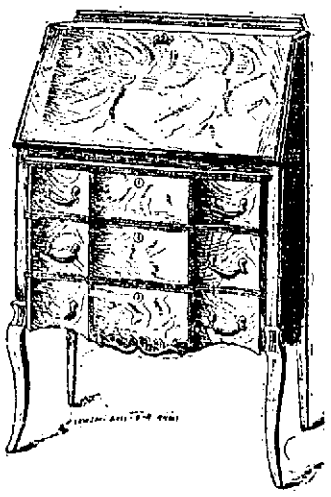
Over 40 styles in mahogany and oak. We can suit you if you are in the market. Prices range from

$5.98 to $34.95

MORRIS CHAIRS

Over 200 different styles to select from, all in new Christmas patterns. Prices from

$4.95 up to $35



CELLARETTES

A splendid gift for the men. 40 different styles. Prices from

$9 to $15

BOOKCASES

In oak and mahogany The finest line we have ever shown, at prices from

$8.50 to $45

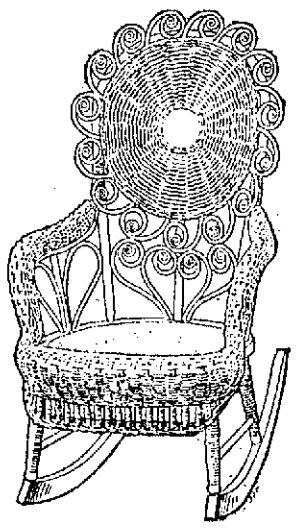
Ladies' Dressing Tables

In oak and mahogany. A very pleasing gift to the ladies and we have an endless variety at prices from

$8 to $33

BUFFETS, SIDEBOARDS AND SERVING TABLES

Are all sensible gifts for the home. We have as handsome a variety as was ever shown under one roof, and all at moderate prices.



ROCKERS

Over 500 Rockers. No store in Lowell has the display we are showing from

$2.95 to $49.98

82 PRESCOTT STREET **ROBERTSON & CO.** 82 PRESCOTT STREET

THE WEATHER

The indications are that it will be cloudy, probably light snow, tonight. Tuesday, fair; warmer tonight; fresh south to southwest winds.

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PATTERSON TRIAL

Defense to Prove Defendant Innocent

SHE IS CONFIDENT OF OF ACQUITTAL

Says Jury Will Vote to Set Her Free

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Counsel for Nan Patterson, the former show girl, on trial charged with the murder of Caesar Young, announced before the opening of court today, that if, after a conference they decided to put in a defense they would, through witnesses and through defendant's own testimony prove that she did not kill and not plan to kill Caesar Young, as has been the contention of Assistant District Attorney Rand. Witnesses will be called they said, to swear that they heard Caesar Young telephone to Miss Patterson on the morning of the shooting asking her to meet him before he sailed for Europe. They also declare they will be able to prove that she could not have premeditated murder sixteen hours before the shooting, as was argued by Mr. Rand, as she did not know she would see Young on the morning before he sailed. It was also said that if counsel decided to put in a defense it was quite probable that Miss Patterson would be allowed to take the stand and tell her own story of the fatal ride with the bookmaker. Miss Patterson has declared that she is anxious to tell her story to the jury.

"There is much I can tell the jury that they could learn from no other source," she is quoted as saying. "And when they hear what I have to say every one of them will vote to set me free."

Nan Patterson is so confident of acquital that she said today that she had spent her last Sunday in the tombs. She added that she would be in her father's home in Washington before another Sunday comes.

Having waived the privilege of making an opening address, Mr. Levy called as his first witness Ida F. Townsend. She said that on June 3, last, she was employed as a telephone operator at the St. Paul hotel, where the defendant and the Smiths resided. She said that "Nan" Patterson occupied an apartment at the hotel. On the evening of June 3 Miss Patterson came to the desk and told her that if any one else but "Caesar" Young called for her to tell them she had gone out to dinner.

Later in the evening, Young called up and gave her a message, which was delivered to Miss Patterson.

Edward S. Grossmann, a clerk in an Eighth avenue confectionery store, said that Young used the telephone in the store shortly after 7 o'clock on the morning of June 4. According to the witness when Young got his connection through the central office, he said:

"Good morning, how do you feel this morning? Hurry up and get dressed and meet me."

Grossman said he remembered Young's early morning call distinctly but said nothing about it until Mr. O'Reilley of counsel for the defense called to see him. The witness insisted that this was true despite a signed statement produced by Mr. Rand in which Grossman said that he first recalled the visit of Young when O'Reilley questioned him two weeks ago. He did not think he would be called as a witness when he signed the statement he explained.

Mr. Rand was then called by Mr. Levy as a witness and asked if Grossman's name had not been given him by the defence. Mr. Rand replied that Grossman's name had been supplied but added that he did not consider the young man's testimony as of any interest in the case. The first alleged eye witness of the tragedy in the cab called by the defence was Milton W. Haselton, of Oneont, N. Y. Mr. Haselton said he was visiting here early last June and was on West Broadway on the morning of June 4. He was walking slowly along when he saw a hansom cab approaching. Two persons were in the cab, a woman whom he identified as the defendant and a man. As the cab neared him, he saw the flash of a revolver.

"Did the man have the revolver in his hand at the time of the report and the flash?" asked Mr. Levy.

"He did," replied the witness. "He had both his hands raised above his left shoulder. As the shot rang out the man's head fell into the woman's lap and she placed her hands on top of his head."

MADE A DEMONSTRATION.

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—The Armenians of this city at a re-union last night made a big anti-government demonstration in which students participated.

WEAVERS STRIKE

They Refused to Run Two Looms

TROUBLE IN THE DRACUT NAVY YARD MILLS

Mills Were Running Night and Day

There is a strike on at the Dracut Navy Yard mills.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon all the weavers employed by the concern left their work and marched out of the mill in a body. Trouble has been brewing for about a week past when the management announced that each weaver would be required to run two looms instead of one, as heretofore, and that the pay instead of being one and a half mills a cut would be one mill a cut. This morning one weaver attempted to run two looms and at 2 o'clock this afternoon the entire force walked out. The manager of the mill is Mr. Morrison. His brother conducts a mill in Clinton and his partner is manager of a mill in South Windham.

The spokesman of the weavers said to a reporter of The Sun this afternoon: "We did not think it exactly right to ask us to run two looms and also to reduce the price of work. We have been waiting all week to see if some change would not be made, and this morning when one weaver attempted to run his work under the new conditions we determined to strike. We are not looking for trouble and our action today is only a protest against what we think is an imposition. The mills have been running night and day so you can see that conditions are most favorable for a prosperous season for the mills."

McMAHON THE MAN

SENIOR MEMBER OF COMMON COUNCIL OF 1905.

Councilman-elect Frank McMahon of ward 2, is the senior member of the newly elected common council, and will call that body to order on inauguration day and preside until a president of the council is elected. Mr. McMahon first became a member of the common council in 1898 during the Bennett administration. He served that year and the next in the common council. In 1900, '01, '02 and '03, he was a member of the overseers of the poor being defeated for the third term by the present incumbent Mr. Dunn. At the primaries last month Mr. McMahon was again nominated for the common council and elected last Tuesday. Mr. McMahon will probably receive the complimentary vote of the democratic members for the office of president of the council.

PELSUE INQUEST

WAS RESUMED BEFORE JUDGE FISHER THIS AFTERNOON.

The inquest into the death of Albert Guy Pelsue, begun last week, was resumed in the court of second sessions before Judge Fisher, in the Market street building at four o'clock this afternoon. The new witnesses in the case today included Pelsue's mother.

THE REPUBLICANS

MUST SETTLE THE ALDERMANIC CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTION.

About every one of the republican aldermen-elect is a candidate for the office of chairman of the board, practically the only exceptions being Aldermen Hayes and Braden. When it is all over and the ballots are counted the wise ones say that Alderman-elect Grant will be the man. Captain Fairweather, however, thinks differently. It will be up to the republicans to decide the matter, for the democratic members will not take sides with any of these republican candidates. It is said that one democratic alderman was offered a position on the committee on sewers and the chairmanship of another important committee if he would consent to vote for one of the republican candidates, but he absolutely refused to have anything to do with such a proposition.

WANTED—To hear from party in need of swill or garbage. Address B., Sun Office.

TO RENT—Tenement of 4 large rooms, nice and convenient, $8. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex st.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Sleds, sleighs, carriages, farming tools of all kinds of late Perry M. Jefferson. Inquire 428 Rogers st., Caroline A. Jefferson, Admx.

FIRED TWO SHOTS

Drunken Man Was in Angry Mood

Smashed Doors and Furniture and Threatened to Kill His Wife

Telesphore Frechette went to his home in Hall street Sunday morning in a drunken rage, broke in the door, smashed furniture, took a bulldog revolver from a trunk and fired two shots.

His wife told Judge Hadley that she did not believe her husband fired the two shots at her, but it was the opinion of the police who arrested Frechette that he intended to shoot his wife and that another tragedy was narrowly averted.

Mrs. Frechette told the court that in the midst of his frenzy Sunday morning her husband swore at her and told her her end was near.

When asked to explain, Frechette said he took the revolver from the trunk to see if it was in working order.

He declared he did not mean to do his wife any harm.

He was ordered to pay a fine of $5 for drunkenness and Judge Hadley ordered him to recognize n $100 to keep the peace for one year.

In referring to the case Judge Hadley expressed the hope that the legislature would do something to prevent the indiscriminate sale of revolvers and the carrying of such weapons by irresponsible persons. He thought the legislature should recognize public sentiment in the matter and he hoped the newspapers would agitate the question.

RECOUNT BEGUN

At City Hall by Board of Registrars

The board of registrars promptly at 10 o'clock this morning began the recount of the mayoralty and aldermanic votes cast at the last city election and the councilmanic vote cast in ward nine.

At 12 o'clock the registrars had finished the first precinct of ward nine and nine blocks of the second precinct of the same ward, without any material change being noted in any of the official returns.

A great crowd of politicians and onlookers was present when the recount began. The aldermen generally represented themselves at the count, while John C. King represented Casey and "Bert" Kendall looked after the interests of Hill.

The registrars took up ward nine first because of the councilmanic contest in this ward. Councilmanic Candidate Knutson thought he ought to have more votes than the count gave him. Councilman-elect Daly, the only democrat elected, has no fears, for he is second man, being next to Crosby, who has 975, Daly 949. The only man Knutson could possibly displace would be Clough, with 867, while Knutson has 858.

The registrars will work all afternoon and until 10 o'clock this evening and expect to finish at least three wards by that time.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the registrars completed the recount of the second precinct of ward nine and took a recess until quarter after three o'clock. Neither of these precincts showed any material difference from the vote returned by the precinct officers. In the first precinct Casey loses one vote, Hill holds his own and blanks gain one. In this same precinct the aldermanic ticket practically remains the same, Allen gains two, Braden gains one, Welch gains one and Grant loses one. This loss does not effect in any manner Grant's vote in the precincts counted, for in the second precinct Grant gained one vote, leaving his vote in the two precincts just as it was before the recount.

In the councilmanic recount Crosby loses one vote in the first precinct and this is the only change thus far. This change does not amount to anything, for Crosby is the high man with 975. The recount was resumed at 3.15 this afternoon when precinct 3 was recounted.

The board of registrars resumed the recount of the third precinct of ward nine at 3.15 o'clock and at the hour of going to press they had completed the first 100 votes, without the slightest change from the original result.

CLERKS ARE BUSY

ASSESSORS' OFFICE AT WORK ON GUIDE BOOKS.

The assessors are not overworked just at present, but still they find enough to do in answering all sorts of questions, and attending to abatements Chief Clerk Stephen Kirby and his first assistant are busy preparing the "guide" books for next year. These are the books which the assistant assessors use on the streets as a method of indicating to them the general outlines to be followed in making up their street books. The clerks, as the work progresses, find that a number of mistakes have been made in the printed books, and one precinct in ward one was so badly mixed up that it had to be entirely written up from the street book.

DIPHTHERIA

ONE CASE WAS REPORTED THIS MORNING.

The health of the city seems to be in very good condition for this time of the year. There are but 19 cases of diphtheria under the board of health's notice and this is a smaller number than for a corresponding period last year. One case of diphtheria, positive culture, was reported this morning at the health office.

GOVERNOR McLANE

ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS STAFF.

MILFORD, N. H., Dec. 19.—Governor-elect John McLane of this town today announced the selection of his staff as follows:

Major-Gen. Augustus D. Ayling, adjutant-general, Concord.

Brig.-Gen. George D. Waldron, inspector-general, Concord.

Brig.-Gen. Daniel C. Remick, judge advocate general, Littleton.

Brig.-Gen. Ernest L. Bell, surgeon-general, Woodstock.

Brig.-Gen. Frank E. Kaley, commissary general, Milford.

Brig.-Gen. William F. Thayer, quartermaster-general, Concord.

Col. Frederick J. Shepard, aide-de-camp, Derry.

Col. Clement J. Woodward, aide-de-camp, Keene.

Col. Wm. P. Straw, aide-de-camp, Manchester.

Col. A. Melvin Foss, aide-de-camp, Dover.

Col. George E. Danforth, aide-de-camp, Nashua.

Col. John H. Bartlett, aide-de-camp, Portsmouth.

Col. Edwin C. Bean, aide-de-camp, Belmont.

Col. Henry W. Anderson, aide-de-camp, Exeter.

REPORT AENIED

CONCERNING AN ANGLO-GERMAN MOVEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 19—The German embassy informs the Associated Press that there is no truth in the renewed reports of an Anglo-German movement to mediation in the Russo-Japanese war. The visit of Count Metternich, the German ambassador to Berlin was purely private. Germany remains determined to do nothing until invited by the belligerents and up to the present Germany has not been invited.

MANY APPLICANTS

SEEK AID AT OVERSEERS OF POOR OFFICE.

The office of the overseers of the poor was besieged this morning by a crowd of poor people who were in need of out-door relief. Many of them reported cases of dire necessity. Most of them upon investigation were found to be worthy of receiving the asked-for aid, and were sent away feeling happy.

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Rooms No. 2 and No. 3, Associate Building, lately occupied by the Red, White and Blue Stamp Co., will be to rent. Applications for same may be made to the janitor.

H. J. KEYES.

THE WORTHY POOR

Remembered by More Fortunate People

The charitably disposed in Lowell, according to reports, are doing more for the poor of the city this year than ever before. Calls for assistance in the papers and by representatives of charitable societies and institutions have met with ready and liberal responses.

While a great many of the deserving poor can be reached through the agency of the Humane society, the day nurseries, Miss O'Leary's home for children, and the orphanages should not be forgotten. The way to make the hearts of His little ones glad in these institutions is wide open and the pleasure of giving should be indulged in by those who are able to give.

In conversation with a representative of The Sun today Agent Richardson of the Humane society said that clothing for the worthy poor, advertised for through the papers, was coming in quite fast. "I have already distributed a lot of clothing," he said, "and I hope I will be given the opportunity to distribute a great deal more."

The police will also take a hand in making Christmas brighter for the poor families on their beats. They will report the cases, most worthy, to Agent Richardson.

NO DECORATIONS

INAUGURATION WILL BE DEVOID OF DISPLAY.

Two weeks from today will be the second day of January and being the first Monday in January is set out by our city charter as the day upon which the members of the city council for the year 1905 are to take the oath of office and be officially inducted into office. This morning there was nothing especially in evidence which would indicate that the new government was soon to come into the control of the affairs of the city, other than the janitors were engaged in a general cleaning up and some members of the outgoing city government were removing some of their valuable papers. City Messenger Paltee said that so far as he knew no definite plans for the inauguration had been made. The messenger has ordered some printing done which was necessary, but no other arrangements have been made. The messenger said, however, that there would be no display and no decorations and that in this respect the ceremonies would be as simple as in former years.

FOUR CANDIDATES.

Now that the republicans are to have the full swing to both branches of the city council, you hear very little talk of non-partisanship and the so-called good government officials, and now we behold the republicans out looking for everything in sight. The first in order is the membership in the water board. The term of Michael J. Dowd, one of the democratic members, expires the first of the year and already no less than four republicans have signified their intention of being candidates for the position. Among the foremost is our old friend Moses Wyman, who for the past year has kept Frank Weaver in hot water. Herbert Taft, who was once a member of the board, is said to be willing to return to the position and there are numerous others of a like mind.

CARMICHAEL FOR CHAIRMAN.

The only democratic aldermanic candidates who were present to watch the recount this morning were Aldermen-elect Cosgrove and Rourke. Both took a lively interest in looking over the ballots as the registrars went over them in their official manner. When asked as to the probability of there being a democratic candidate for the position of chairman of the board of aldermen Mr. Rourke said that he had not heard, but he supposed that the democrats would undoubtedly have a candidate. "I must wait until the recount is over for you know the result is not yet settled and perchance I may not be a member of the board." Alderman Cosgrove said that the matter had not come to his attention until this morning, but that beyond any question the democratic members would vote for the senior member of the board, Colonel Carmichael, and he said he knew of no better man in the board just elected, to fill the position.

FIRST REHEARSAL

OF M. T. I. PLAY, "THE WIFE."

The initial rehearsal of the comedy-drama, "The Wife," to be presented by the Mathew Temperance Institute Dramatic club, on Feb. 8th, was held yesterday at the rooms, and all members of the cast showed up finely. The cast of characters, with a few exceptions, includes the same young men and women who participated in the last production of the Mathews. Mr. Wm. F. Thornton is to direct the presentation of the piece.

BRIEF SESSION

WAS HELD BY THE SENATE TODAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The senate held a session of three minutes today and adjourned until Wednesday. Mr. Perkins, (Cal.) had been designated to preside by President Pro Tempore Frye. There was a short prayer by Chaplain Hale, a message from the president, a message from the house a motion by Mr. Gallinger, (N. H.) to dispense with the reading of the journal, and another motion by the same senator for adjournment today until Wednesday and a motion by Mr. Kean to adjourn. All the motions prevailed and that was all the business transacted.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The house of representatives presented a deserted appearance when that body met today. The resolution for adjournment for the Christmas holidays does not become effective until Wednesday, the 21st instant but a great many members had already departed for their homes and in consequence there was a slim attendance.

The house agreed to adjourn from today until Wednesday.

EXTRA

NARROW ESCAPE

Men Pinned Beneath Beer Truck in Central Street

"Those men are killed," was the shout that went up from a hundred voices near the old Boston & Maine depot in Central street at a few minutes before two o'clock this afternoon when a mammoth beer truck, loaded with barrels and half-barrels of beer, the property of the Hanley Brewing Co., turned bottom side up in the street.

The sudden upsetting of the monster truck was due to the breaking of the front axle and the escape of the driver Daniel Murphy and his helper, from serious injury, or perhaps death, was almost miraculous. Men in the vicinity of Tower's corner rushed to the assistance of the two men and took charge of the horses.

There was no cracking or noise of any kind to warn the two men who were talking and smoking as they rode along. The breaking of the axle was quick as a flash and in an instant some of the barrels and half-barrels were rolling in the street while others were pinned beneath the wagon.

Both of the men went down with the wreck but were fortunate enough to escape with a few scratches and bruises. By sheer good luck they were huddled in a corner that was elevated because of the position of the wagon and because of the fact that one of the barrels of beer was standing on end thus supporting a corner of the wagon at a distance from the ground.

There were barrels and half-barrels to the front and to the right and left of the two men, but with the assistance of the fellows on the outside they managed to crawl from under, little the worse because of their rough experience. Willing hands turned the truck over so that it rested on its side and in less than two hours the last piece of wreckage had disappeared.

Several women in the vicinity at the time of the accident screamed and turned their heads away, fearful that the men were killed. Expressmen who were but a few yards away from the wagon when the axle broke shouted for help saying: "These men are killed, hurry!"

MRS. CHADWICK COULD NOT APPEAR

CLEVELAND, DEC. 19.—MRS. CASSIE L. CHADWICK WAS TOO ILL TO APPEAR TODAY BEFORE REFEREE REMINGTON IN THE BANKRUPTCY CASE AGAINST HER.

WAS NOT DAMAGED

TRAINING SHIP CONSTELLATION WEATHERED THE STORM.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 19.—The U. S. training ship Constellation, concerning which considerable anxiety had been felt, arrived here today from New York. She went through Sunday morning's storm without damage. Lieut. Sypher, in command, reports that the Constellation which left the Brooklyn navy yard Saturday, was passing through Hellgate when the storm struck and he decided to anchor at City Island during the worst of the weather. The Constellation was later towed up to this port by the tugs Powhtan and Mawket and anchored at the training station.

FLEET OF VESSELS

SOUGHT SHELTER AT VINEYARD HAVEN.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 19.—The storm at Martha's Vineyard was the most severe since the November blow of 1898, and in every part of the island communication by telephone is paralyzed. Poles are down, thoroughfares are impassable, except where shovel brigades have cleared the way. Nothing like it has been experienced for several years. At Vineyard Haven a large fleet of vessels sought shelter Saturday night and early Sunday morning, and so far as can be learned no lives have been lost. Three schooners went ashore, two dragging their anchors in the harbor and a large three-master going ashore at East Chop just north of the Vineyard Highland wharf. It will be several days before the telephone wires are again in working order. It is estimated that with the fall of a few days ago, there are 20 inches of snow on a level on the island. It drifted in some places quite badly.

JUDGE BAKER

ORDER FOR HIS REMOVAL WAS REVOKED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Judge Baker of the supreme court of New Mexico, who recently was removed from office by the president, has received by the president and department of justice a full hearing, the result being a revocation of the order of removal.

PRES. ELIOT

SAYS CIVIC FEDERATION CANNOT ARBITRATE THE TROUBLE.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 19—President Charles W. Eliott of Harvard one of the members of the executive committee of the National civic federation said today: "The executive committee of the civic federation is composed of 45 members, and this body has in the past always refused to arbitrate any question whatever between two parties. This rule is an iron clad policy. A proposal to arbitrate cannot succeed, as the board will refuse to have anything to do with it.

"It may be stated, however, that in some cases it is considered permissible for two or three members to act as a board of arbitration but in so doing they act only as a private board and in no sense as an executive committee. As this would not in any way represent the sense of the federation, it naturally alters the complexion of the matter."

Elevator For Sale

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MURDER CHARGED

Shooting in Hudson Woods Was Not An Accident

So Claim the New Hampshire Police—They Were in Lowell Yesterday Working on the Case

The killing of John Shuta in the Hudson woods is the subject of great interest in police circles today. Inspector O'Dowd and Officer Hildreth of Manchester, N. H., were in Lowell yesterday working on the case. The brothers suspected of having killed Shuta were traced to this city and it is the opinion of the police that the suspected men are now on their way across the water.

Inspector O'Dowd in speaking of the case yesterday, gave as his opinion that the men came to Lowell and took the Fall River train Tuesday afternoon. The men suspected of the murder are Joseph and Stanislas Bertig and Inspector O'Dowd said that no expense would be spared in an attempt to bring the men to justice. Cables have been sent to foreign ports and circulars have been sent to all cities of importance in the United States.

Inspector O'Dowd said that an overcoat was stolen in Nashua on the day that the three hunters went away and he is firm in the belief that one of the men suspected of the murder of Shuta took the coat. If that fact is established it will almost confirm the police in the belief that the brothers did not intend to return to Nashua and that the killing of Shuta was premeditated.

PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 19—Medical Referee James T. Greely, assisted by Doctors H. L. Smith and A. W. Shea, last night performed an autopsy on the body of John Shuta, the Pole, who was found in Hudson woods on Friday with his head nearly blown off, apparently by a charge from a shot gun. The finding was not given out, but a report will be presented to County Solicitor E. H. Wason.

From evidence now in his hands the county solicitor is of the opinion that Shuta's death was the result of a cold bloded and deliberate murder.

After two days' work on the case the police gleaned the information from members of the Polish colony in this city that Shuta started on the hunting trip with Joseph Bertig and his brother, Stanislaus Bertig, at their invitation. The police have been searching for the Bertigs ever since Shuta's body was discovered, and they have succeeded in tracing the two brothers as far as Lowell. It is not known whether the Bertigs went on to Boston or whether they are at present in hiding in Lowell.

WASN'T AN ACCIDENT.

County Solicitor Wason is not saying much at present, but it is evident that he is not ready to accept the theory that Shuta was killed by the accidental toppling over of his own gun while sitting against a tree as suggested in yesterday's Press.

"The theory is very good," he remarked, "that is, for a little ways, but there is one little detail of evidence that makes it absolutely impossible. We are positive that Shuta's gun, which was found lying in the snow on the spot where a pool of blood indicated that the man first fell when struck by the fatal charge, was not the weapon that fired the shot that killed him.

"Granting that point, you will see that the man was not killed by accident by setting his gun against a tree and knocking it over while throwing off his suspenders."

It was afterwards learned that the county solicitor based his belief on the fact that the gun was found at half cock while one would expect the hammer to be found down if the gun had discharged as it dropped. With a rebounding lock the hammer would return to half cock automatically but the gun carried by Shuta was a hammerless piece and the invisible hammer was set by a slide which was removed by a touch of the bearer's thumb on the side.

The police, as is known by the statements of the heads of the department already published, feel convinced that the dead man was killed by one of his hunting companions and they are almost as strongly convinced that the deed was murder. The hurried flight of the missing men makes this theory appear all the stronger.

The relatives and friends of the men in the Polish colony are still firm in the accident theory.

ELECTION BOARD

REPUBLICANS PLAN TO WIPE IT OUT.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A sensation in legislation for the Hub is being planned by certain Boston republicans who wish to wipe out the board of election commissioners as it is at present constituted.

This plan is to have the election commissioners elected by the voters of both parties at the primary elections instead of having them appointed by the mayor, as at present.

Under the law the board is bipartisan, being composed of two representatives of both the great political parties. The chairman is John M. Minton of Roxbury, democrat; and the three other commissioners are David B. Shaw, of Charlestown, democrat; Charles R. Saunders of ward 11, republican, and Melancthon W. Burlen of Roxbury, republican.

This move on the board is the culmination of a great deal of hard feeling on the part of the republicans, who have charged that the democrats have attained complete ascendency over the affairs of the board.

PERSONALS

The graduates of the Lowell Normal school, class of 1904, had a reunion at the school Saturday forenoon, and the members of the class, back from the first season of teaching in different parts of New England, told of their experiences. They were addressed at 10.30 by Mr. E. T. Hartman, secretary of the Civic League of Massachusetts, whose topic was: "The Civic League: the Relation Between Schools in Cities and Towns."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Dexter observed the fortieth anniversary of their marriage at their home, 6 Dutton street, Saturday night.

The affair was a quiet one, only the immediate family being present and a special observance of the occasion was a surprise to the host and hostess as it was quietly planned by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton C. Dexter of Lynn, Albert H. Dexter and Mrs. Edward T. Wilder of Lowell.

Mrs. Adelbert Ames of Andover street kept open house on Saturday night, when she entertained with two of her daughters, Mrs. Brooks Stevens and Miss Jessie Ames.

Miss Josephine Orkington, the dancing teacher, received a handsome ring from her advanced pupils after the lesson, Saturday morning.

Rev. D. W. Gates of Troy, N. Y., has been visiting in this city as the guest of his sister, Mrs. John Dennett of Sumner street.

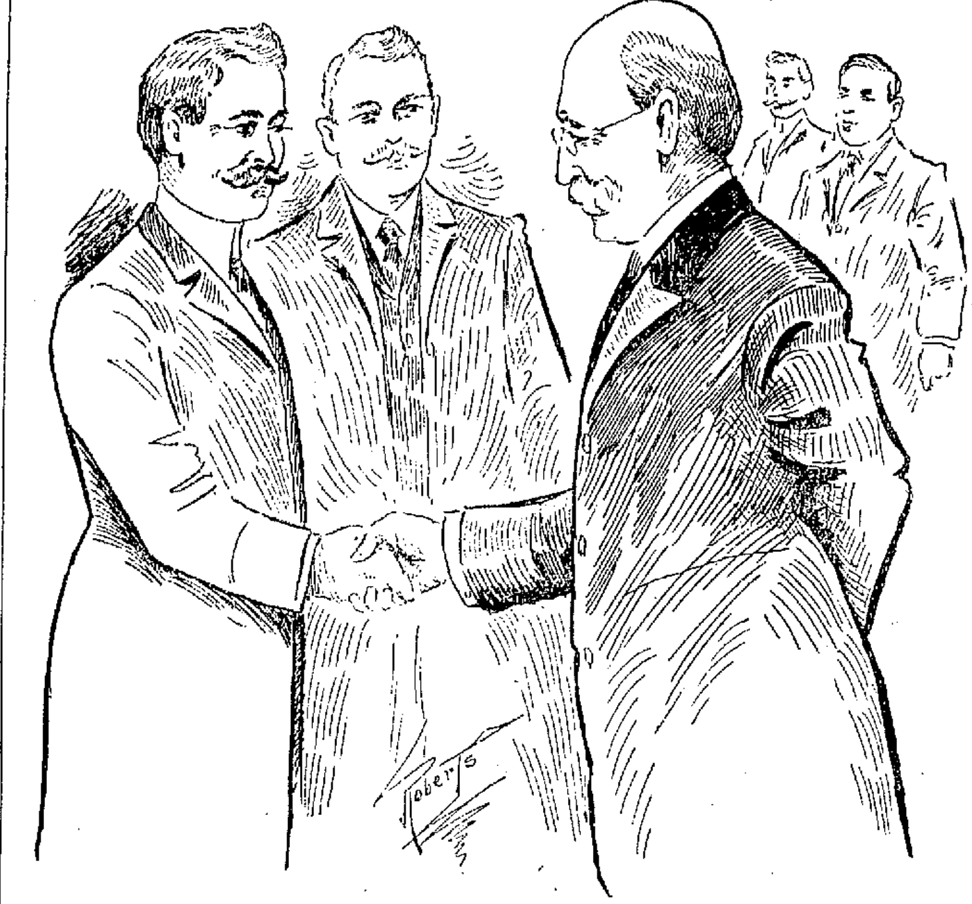
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Drake of Island Falls, Me., have come to Lowell to spend the winter with their son, Mr. Harvey Drake.

Mrs. Hugh Roarke and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Campbell of this city attended the ordination of Rev. Dennis J. Maguire at Holy Cross cathedral Friday.

Walter O. Teague, son of Patrick Teague of this city and instructor in civil engineering at Kingston college, Ontario, will spend the holidays with his family here.

M. J. Cahill, 131 Market street, in headquarters for the Neverslip Horseshoes in Lowell.

WANTED—A cook at 95-97 John st.



GOVERNOR-ELECT DOUGLAS HOLDING AN INFORMAL RECEPTION AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB SATURDAY EVENING.

GOVERNOR ELECT

William L. Douglas and Wife Entertained in Lowell

Guests of Rev. C. E. Fisher of the First Universalist Church—Reception at Highland Club

Governor-elect William L. Douglas paid his first visit to Lowell on Saturday. Accompanied by his wife he arrived here on the 5.38 train from Boston Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were the guests of Rev. C. E. Fisher, and immediately upon their arrival in this city they drove to the home of the clergyman in Pine street. The fact that the governor-elect and Mrs. Douglas would arrive in Lowell on that train had been mentioned in the newspapers and the result was a large crowd gathered at the depot to get a glimpse of the whole-souled, democratic governor. The remark, "He does not look like his pictures," was quite general, but it could not be said that his pictures flattered him.

It was the governor's first visit to Lowell since he was mentioned for the high office to which he was swept on the wave of popular sentiment. When the Young Mens' Democratic club held its banquet at the New American house during the campaign Mr. Douglas was unable to be present because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were very much pleased with Lowell. The governor-elect is familiar with the points of interest in the city of spindles and as thoroughly conversant with ways and workings of our industries as though he had lived here all his life. He expressed himself as being very much interested in the textile school and he was especially delighted with the hospitality of the people in general.

Saturday evening he visited the Highland club and was invited by President Wheeler and others to hold a reception in the parlor, but he declined because, he said, he preferred going from room to room in the ordinary way of the ordinary visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas attended the morning service at the First Universalist church and listened attentively to the words of the man whom Mr. Douglas assisted to the ministry, Rev. C. E. Fisher. A large audience was present. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were escorted to their seats by Mr. Daniel McKenzie, who remained with them during the services. There was an organ prelude by Mrs. Helen C. Taylor, selections by the quartet and the congregation sang "America."

Mr. Fisher found his inspiration in Matt. vi, 35: "But seek Ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto You." The preacher said in part:

"These words constitute the closing of the most wonderful sermon the world has ever heard—the 'Sermon on the Mount.' They contain a promise, based upon a condition laid down.

"The treasure laid up above is the eternal world which will remain forever, Christ told his followers not to be over-anxious about the future. Whatever comes to you in life is from God. This 'Sermon on the Mount' is a masterly discourse, yet it deals with the common things of life. If a man is seeking the kingdom of God it will enable him to enter the higher Christian life.

"Man should be recognized first as an agent of God. When one is given a command by a superior, he proceeds at once to perform the task appointed. So should we obey the commands of our Master. No cause in the world can be advanced until God's agents enter and obey His mandates. The text says: 'Seek righteousness,—that means living according to the moral law, as God has given it, in the person of Jesus Christ. A man who takes this into his heart, and assimilates it, knows something of the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

"Over against every defeat and sorrow in life lays the great law of righteousness, which will offset everything else in life. The reward of all true seekers was to have all things added. If you adhere strictly to the rule, Jesus, in moments of divine rapture simply because He loved men and had concern for them, could see the kingdom of Heaven.

"We pray 'Thy Kingdom Come.' Every church and reformer in the world is working for that end. The child, kneeling at his mother's knee says, 'If I should die before I wake I pray the Lord my soul to take.' Where does he expect to be taken? To his conception of Heaven.

"How shall we enter the kingdom of God? Simply by the way of love. Some men seem to have no love for their fellow-men; they are cold, heartless, loveless. These are outside the pale of the kingdom of God.

"A man will not get into the kingdom of God by living as though he had lost his all, and who goes about moping and anxious about everything?

"Good nature, sunshine, enjoying life are all doing much towards the bringing in the kingdom of God. We must have the spirit of a little child; he who has not that spirt seems to be farthest from the great throne, and from the path to Heaven.

"We advance towards the kingdom through a good, pure life. God gives us homes and the parental love of home and the friendships of life. There are times when a man's cup of happiness seems full. It is when there has been an expression of love bestowed upon him while everything is not equal in life, love is never fruitless. You perform an act of love today, you say it isn't appreciated, it may not be at once, but in time it will be appreciated. Every act of friendship binds us together, and no such acts are wasted.

'Every great man has a plan in life. The true plan and end of life is to do the will of Almighty God. The Book of Life has something which each one may appropriate to himself. In it may be found just what fits into the life in times of sorrow, trial or temptation. It mattersnot what men may say about the Bible, it is that in it I find what helps me, so I believe in it.

"Why was not the curtain drawn at Bethlehem? Because men saw in human form the very life they were trying to live. Will all enter the kingdom of God? I say yes, because these friendships are eternal, immortal. Because I have loved and you have loved.

"God is calling and if the door of the house is open, He is there, and life becomes as sacred because it is the kingdom of God."

At the conclusion of the services Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, at the request of Rev. Mr. Fisher, stood near the platform and received the congregation. The distinguished couple paid special attention to the children. The reception was informal and at its conclusion they were driven to the pastor's home, and after spending a quiet social hour they returned to Boston, the return trip being made on the 3.55 train.

PRECINCT OFFICERS

WILL SOON BE PAID FOR THEIR SERVICES.

The committee on appropriations will meet at city hall Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and clean up all matters which are now pending. There are quite a few little things and a few appropriations which need to be pieced out in order that some bills now outstanding may be paid.

The loan of $17,000 recommended by the committee at their last meeting, for the purpose of making money available with which to pay the registrars of voters, the precinct officers and the janitors, will come up before the meeting of the common council tomorrow evening and it is said that it will meet with favor at the hands of the statesmen of the lower board of the government.

The precinct officers, over 216 in number, have coming to them at least $24 each, for they have only been paid for the state primaries, and they have yet to receive their pay for the state election, city primaries and city election. They receive $8 per day each.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A man believed to be Lucius O. Hawley of 81 Wethersfield avenue, Hartford, Conn., committed suicide here today in a Turkish bath establishment. He was about 35 years old.

TOOK EXCEPTIONS

Drunken Man Contradicted a Minister

REMOVED FROM CHURCH TO POLICE STATION

Two Brothers Charged With Larceny

The minister was preaching when Maurice Connors with a heavy load of beer and a smattering of the bible entered the church Sunday morning. Maurice took exceptions to a statement by the minister. Word was sent to the police station and the patrol wagon was sent to the church. Maurice was loaded into the wagon by Officers John J. Crowley and Grinnell. On the way to the police station Maurice told the wagon officer that the minister said something he didn't like.

"What did he say?" inquired the officer.

"The minister said," replied Maurice, "that the Lord worked all his life.

"I knew the Lord made the earth in six days and rested on the seventh, and I told him so."

In police court today Maurice was charged with drunkenness and was fined $6. He was not charged with disturbing a meeting.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Ezra and William Lizotte were arrested by Inspector Laflamme, Saturday night, charged with the larceny of an overcoat, the property of Joseph Boisvert, 94 John street. The Lizotte brothers pleaded not guilty and the case was continued to Wednesday. They were ordered in $200 each for their appearance before the court on that day. The police recovered another overcoat this forenoon which they believe was taken by the two brothers.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Peter Labelle and Mary Goyette were charged with fornication and pleaded not guilty. Peter said he found Mary in his room when he went home from work and Mary said that Peter met her in the mill and asked her to go to his room. She was sentenced to three months in jail and he was ordered to pay a fine of $20. Peter had the price with him and two crisp $10 bills were passed over to the collecting officer.

THE DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

George Wigley pleaded not guilty but the arresting officers said George was trying to wiggle his way along in Gorham street when arrested. George is well known to the court. He has been there a good many times but Judge Hadley was willing to overlook the many times because he knew George and his mother before him. His honor said nice words about George's mother and reminded George of the fact that he was a pretty, neat and bright boy when he, the judge, met him. George allowed that the court knew what he was talking about and if allowed to go, he said, he would hike to Nashua and drink no more. He was allowed to go.

Coleman McGrath was sentenced to three months in jail; Jeremiah Kelliher, Edward W. Collins, Patrick Hoolihan, Charles E. Cahill and Frank Hallowood were fined $6 each. Philip Welch was fined $5. Five first offenders were fined $2 each and two were released.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE

WILL ELECT OFFICERS AT HIBERNIAN HALL JANUARY 8.

The United Irish league held a well attended meeting last evening and transacted considerable routine business. A fine musical program was carried out. Among those who took part were John Donelan and Miss Annie Shea. It was voted to hold the election of officers in Hibernian hall Sunday evening, Jan. 8, when a lively meeting is expected. Secretary O'Callaghan of Boston will address the league before the end of January.

MR. COPELAND

NOMINATION AS CEMETERY TRUSTEE MAY BE CONFIRMED.

The board of aldermen will meet in adjourned session Tuesday evening and the common council in regular session. Routine matters and the passage of the $17,000 loan will practically be the only business before the common council, while it is said that a strenuous effort will be made to take from the table and confirm the appointment of Charles Copeland as a cemetery trustee. Copeland's nomination has been resting quietly on the table for over a year and a half. It is possible but not probable that it will be taken up and confirmed.

CITY HALL NOTES

The committee on claims will meet in the public hearing room Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The committee on public lighting has been called to meet at city hall Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Two weeks from today Edwards Cheney steps down and out as private secretary, but he will not be long out of a job as he takes the oath and becomes a state senator on the following Wednesday.

Mayor Howe was at his office bright and early this morning and found awaiting him a number of callers, most of whom were applicants for work.

The office of the superintendent of streets was crowded this morning. Most, if not all who put in an appearance were in quest of work. Nothing doing was the sign hung out and they were told to "go up to the city barn and you may get a job there".

The politicians were out in force this morning and congregated about the public hearing room and talked over the surprises of the last city election.

THE MAYOR-ELECT

WILL CALL AT CITY HALL WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Mayor elect James B. Casey who is now enjoying a much needed rest in Washington, will return to this city Tuesday evening and the next morning he will begin active preparation for the inaugural. His first duty in relation to this matter will be the looking up of material for his inaugural address which it is customary to deliver upon being inducted into the chief executive's office. Of course Mr. Casey will be assisted in the gathering of the material for the address, but the major position of the work will be done by himself.

Word has been received from Mr. Casey at city hall, but practically nothing will be done in the line of making arrangements for the inauguration until the mayor-elect returns from his brief respite. Mayor Howe thinks that whatever is done should first meet with the approval of the newly elected mayor. "I know how I should like to have things done, but still this might not meet with another mayor's idea, so I think we should await the home coming of Mr. Casey," said Mayor Howe, when asked about the arrangements for the inauguration. Mr. Casey will make a formal call upon Mayor Howe on Wednesday or Thursday morning and will take up the matter of the arrangements and other matters pertaining to his new office.

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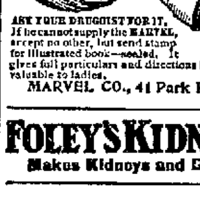

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LATEST

FOUR LIVES LOST

Fire Broke Out on Standard Oil Barge

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Four men lost their lives and four others were severely burned in the fire on the Standard Oil barge, number 9, which was sighted off Long Branch, N. J., last night.

When the blazing barge was sighted last night, it was impossible to learn anything regarding the fate of the crew. Tugs which were near at hand gave all the assistance possible and no effort was made to reach the barge by the life-saving crew at that point. The first news, therefore, came here today when a tug boat put into Long Island City with the four survivors on board.

All of these men were seriously burned and were taken at once to a hospital. There is was found that one of them was in a critical condition, and it was said that there was only slight chance for recovery. It is believed that the other three men will survive their injuries. The cause of the fire on the barge has not been explained. None of the survivors was in any condition to talk today, but it was learned that there was an explosion and burning oil was thrown over the vessel. The men were knocked unconscious by the concussion and burning oil set fire to their clothes. The barge has on board 31,000 barrels or 1,000,000 gallons of oil.

FUNERALS

FAY—The remains of the late Thomas F. Fay were consigned to their final resting place in St. Patrick's cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from his late home, 203 Tenth street, at 7.30 o'clock and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased, including a large number from Haverhill, Groton, Boston and Hyde Park.

The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street, where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at 8 o'clock by Rev. John J. Shaw, assisted by Rev. Denis Murphy as deacon and Rev. Francis J. Mullin as sub-deacon.

The choir which was nuder the direction of Mr. James Murphy sang the Gregorian mass.

During the service appropriate selections were rendered by the different members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends and acquaintances. There was a large pillow from the family; wreath, Mr. Robert J. Thomas and family; palms, Misses Charlotte and Katherine Walsh; spray of pinks, Miss Mary Harrington; spray of roses, Fay family of Haverhill; spray of pinks, the teachers of the Varnum school; star, pupils of the rooms where Misses Mary and Agnes T. Fay are teachers; spray of roses, Mr. Patrick Fay and family.

The ushers were Messrs. James E. German, Bernard Gately, William McArdelle, Charles Smith, James Dacey, William Dacey, Dr. Thomas B. Smith and Dr. A. J. Halpin.

The casket was borne from the church by Messrs. Patrick Riley, Edward Lavery, Daniel Redding, Isaac Barr, John Kelley and Fred Leland.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Shaw. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter H. Savage.

ROEBUCK—The funeral of Alice M. Roebuck took place Saturday afternoon from the home of her parents, William H., and Martha, No. 34 Wall street, Collinsville. Rev. E. Lupien conducted the burial services at the house and the interment was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

DONAHOE—The funeral of Michael L. Donahoe took place Saturday afternoon from his home in Chelmsford, and was largely attended by friends and relatives, including the following from out of town: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Donahoe of Somerville, Mrs. Daniel Donahoe of Boston, Simon Looney and family of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Haggerty and Misses Alice and Ellen Holland of Boston. The bearers were Charles H., Florence C., and Robert A. Donahoe, sons of the deceased, and Thomas F. Donahoe, a nephew. At the house, Rev. Fr. McNamara of St. John's church, North Chelmsford, read the burial service and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

KELLEY—The funeral of the late Thomas F. Kelley took place from the home of his parents, 106 Fulton street at 8.30 o'clock and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased including a large number from out of town. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. John J. Shaw, pastor of the church.

The choir which was augmented for the occasion was under the direction of Mr. Thomas Boulger and the Gregorian mass was sung. At the offertory Mrs. Margaret McCaffrey-Flannagan rendered in a very feeling manner the "Pie Jesu" and at the conclusion of the service "Face to Face" was sung by Miss Nano M. Gallagher. Miss Carolyn White presided at the organ.

Among the many beautiful floral offerings in evidence, the following were the most prominent: Cross on base, bearing the inscription "Chum" from friends of the deceased; pillow, from the employes of the threading room of the Bigelow Carpet Co; spray of pinks, Mr. Charles McGrail; spray of pinks, Misses May and Lizzie McNulty; pinks from Cousin Ann; spray of pinks, Mrs. C. J. Green; spray of roses, Mr. Edward McDermott; spray of pinks, Mr. John T. Donohoe; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle and a spray of pinks from James Tummelty.

The bearers were Messrs. Bernard Fleming, Edward Flynn, James Tummelty, Edward McDermott, Michael Mullen and Joseph Keith.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Murphy. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

CALLAHAN—The funeral of Patrick H. Callahan took place from the home of his cousin, Mrs. Thomas McCormack, 71 Fourth street at 9.15 o'clock this morning and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased including a large number from out of town.

The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9.45 o'clock by Rev. Francis J. Mullin. The choir which was under the direction of Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, sang the Gregorian mass. Miss Carolyn White presided at the organ.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends and acquaintances.

The bearers were Messrs. Patrick and James Baxter, Allie Mellen and Edward Riley. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the last sad rites of the Catholic church were solemnized by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director James W McKenna.

McCARTHY—The funeral of the late Bridget McCarthy took place this morning from her late home, 9 Duffer avenue, at 9.30 o'clock and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Eugene A. Carney.

The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the different members of the choir. The bearers were Messrs. Patrick McNulty, Patrick Heslin, Denis Heslin, John Cox, Terrence Gray and John Flood. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter Davey.

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APOSTLE SMITH

Says Plural Marriages Were Not Authorized

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Apostle John Henry Smith of the Mormon church was recalled as the first witness today in the Sen. Smoot investigation and was cross-examined by A. S. Worthington, counsel for Mr. Smoot. Apostle Smith said he had known A. F. McDonald, who died during the present year, and who was charged by one witness with having performed a plural marriage in Mexico.

"It had come to the attention of President Lorenzeo Snow that McDonald had been exercising the right to marry or seal persons in plural marriages," said the witness. "President Snow instructed me to call McDonald to account. I went to Mexico but did not learn that any plural marriages had been performed. I never have heard of any president of the church authorizing plural marriages since the manifesto."

Denial was made by the witness that the Mormon church owned a majority of stock in the sugar manfactories in Idaho. He was examined concerning his participation in politics in Idaho and his testimony chiefly was in contradiction of the testimony given by Charles H. Jackson, chairman of the democratic state committee, who testified Saturday. He emphatically denied that he had said there had been revelations that a certain political ticket should be supported.

SHE WANTS FACTS

MRS. BUFFALO BILL ASKS FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Dec. 19.—Counsel for Mrs. William F. Cody yesterday filed a motion requiring her husband, who seeks divorce, to amend his petition so as to name the specific instances of occurrence of the alleged indignities offered to him by herself.

She asks that dates of these be named, what times his friends were refused admission to the Cody home by her and what times they were driven from their home by her.

She also asks that her alleged conduct at the time of their daughter's death be stricken from the records.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Am Sugar	140⅞
*Am Sugar pfd	138
A & T	84¾
A & T pfd	103¼
B & O	100⅛
B & O pfd	96½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	60¾
Chi & Gt W	22⅝
C M St & P	170
C R & P	32⅞
C R & P pfd	83½
Con Gas	201¼
Del & Hud	185¾
Erie R R	37⅝
Erie 1st	74½
Gen Elect	186¾
Manhat Con	163½
Mo Kan & Tex	31
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	53¼
Met St Ry	122⅝
Mis Pac	108¼
N Y Cen	140¼
N YOnt & W	43¼
Penn	137
People's Gas	107
So Pac	62½
Reading	78½
Reading pfd	90
*Reading 2d pfd	61½
Tex & Pac	34½
Union Pac	110¼
Union Pac pfd	94⅞
U S Steel	29⅝
U S Steel pfd	92¼
Wabash	21¾
Wabash pfd	43½
W U Telegraph	94
U S Leather	12⅞
U S Leather pfd	101⅛

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	5½
Amalgamated	67⅛
American Wool	21¾
American Wool pfd	93¾
Am Tel & Tel	146
Arcadia	1¾
Atlantic	16
Anneonda	29
Anaconda	106
Allouez	18
B & Maine	173¾
Bingham	34½
Boston	6¼
Calumet & Hecla	645
Centennial	25¾
Chicago Junction	150
Chicago Junction pfd	123
Copper Range	65¾
Dom Steel	18½
Dom Coal	63½
Daly-West	12½
Elm River	2½
Elevated	153
Fitchburg	139¼
Franklin	11⅜
Granby	5⅛
Greene	26⅝
Mass	8¾
Mass Gas	38
Mass Gas pfd	80½
Mass Electric	14
Mass Electric pfd	57
Mayflower	1
Mex Cen	21⅜
Michigan	9¼
M C & C	5
Mohawk	50
N E Tel	136½
Osceola	92½
N Y, N H & H R R	197½
Old Colony Mine	1½
Old Colony R R	203½
Old Dominion	25¾
Shannon	8½
Royal	26
Rhode Island	15¾
Tamarack	119
Tennessee	39
Parrott	27
Quincy	103
Santa Fe	2⅜
Trinity	10⅞
United States	24½
United States Oil	11⅛
Utah	42
Victoria	4⅜
Winona	12
Wolverine	105
Western Tel	20½
Western Tel pfd	99
West End	92
West End pfd	113
Wyandotte	17⅛

*Ex-Dividend.

SIBERIAN PLAGUE

IN FACTORIES IN SEVERAL RUSSIAN DISTRICTS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—The governor of Viatak reports a serious outbreak of Siberian plague in factories in the districts of Viataka and Slobodskoi, which are preparing fur coats for the troops in Manchuria. Two hundred and forty-seven cases have already been reported. The plague has been traced to sheep-skins and the delivery of fur garments to the troops has been suspended.

Viataka is a government in Northeastern Russia. The town of Viataka, capital of the government, is 653 miles northeast of Moscow. It has tanneries, distilleries and candle works and has a considerable trade in corn, linen and animal produce, exported to Archangle and Moscow. It has a population of 26,000 souls.

VESSELS ASHORE

All But Three of Them Floated

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—(From Vineyard Haven, Dec. 18, by special messenger). The heavy northeast gale which at its height between 3 and 4 a. m. Sunday swept over this island with terrific force, driving blinding snow into huge drifts and causing havoc among some two score of vessels which were anchored in the harbor, caused considerable damage. Hardly a vessel in the entire fleet came out whole, nearly every one of them dragging anchors, and suffering at least the loss of these implements with cable attached. Several schooners and smaller vessels were driven ashore, there were five collisions besides minor casualties, as the result of fouling between the vessels as they were driven from the places at which they had made anchorage. The storm moderated during the day and enabled the less seriously injured of the craft to made temporary repairs, and all but three of the vessels which had touched bottom were floated.

The remaining aground were the Winterport, Me., schooner Loduskia, Captain Thayer, bound from South Amboy for Portsmouth, with coal; the Ellsworth, Me., schooner Franconia, Captain Young, New York for McKinley, Me., with coal, and the Vineyard Haven schooner Flyaway, which was lying in the harbor light. The Loduskia, which parted both chains and a hawser attached to a ledge anchor, was driven upon the east side of the harbor. Her hull is in good condition, but it is thought she may have to have some of the cargo lightered before she will float.

The Franconia is leaking but her pumps are keeping her free and the Flyaway apparently sustained no damage. It is expected that all three will be floated within a day or two.

The vessels in collision included the Rockland schooner John J. Perry, which dragged into the bar schooner D. J. Melanson. The Melanson lost her bowsprit and all her headgear and broke her foremast just above the deck. The Perry sustained slight damage to her headgear.

The Millebridge, Me., schooner Eva May, dragged into the schooner Rhoda Holmes and broke her own bowsprit and jibboom and her port bow from the fore rigging to the stem was damaged. The force of the impact sent the Rhoda Holmes adrift, but she sustained little damage.

The schooner Hortensia dragged two anchors and struck the schooner Lugano. The Hortensia lost her yawl boat and had her spanaker boom broken.

The schooner A. Heaton was borne down upon the British schooner Frank and Ira and had her mai nboom broken and her boat davits and part of the rail carried away. The Frank and Ira lost her bowsprit, jibboom and headgear.

The schooner Edna and the Ellen M. Mitchell also were in collision. The Edna's spanaker boom was broken but the Mitchell escaped injury.

Among the vessels which lost anchors were the Otis Miller, New York for St. John, and the Mary Lee Newton, New York for Eastport, Me.

The three masted British schooner Rodway, Captain Phipps with lumber from St. John for New York, is ashore at Cottage City. She is in a dangerous position, but there are hopes of saving her.

An unknown three masted schooner with her foremast gone is anchored off the south side of the island, near Squidnocket.

The big seven master, Thomas W. Lawson, bound from Norfolk for Boston, which came in during the storm last night, anchored safely in the harbor and rode out the storm.

DR. CHADWICK

THANKS FRIENDS FOR COURTESIES EXTENDED.

PARIS Dec. 19.—Acquaintances of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick of Cleveland, Ohio, who left Paris for London yesterday received letters from him today thanking them for courtesies extended to him. The letters are blurred the signature resembling "J. R. Ann," whereby it is believed Dr. Chadwick is seeking to avoid further attention. He did not book a passage on the White Star line steamer Cedric or the American line steamer Philadelphia here, but it is believed that he intends to carry out his statement that he would sail this week.

GOV. COBB'S APPOINTMENTS.

ROCKLAND, Me., Dec. 19—Governor-elect Wm. T. Cobb today announced the appointment of Edward H. Kelley, managing editor of the Bangor Commercial, as military secretary on his staff, with rank of major. He also announced the re-appointment of General Augustus B. Farnham of Bangor as Adjt. General, and Colonel N. S. Purington of West Rowdoin, private secretary.

$75,000 DAMAGE

Two Mills Near St. Johnsbury Burned

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Dec. 19—Two large industrial establishments in the village of Passumpsic, three miles south of here practically the only ones there, were burned today, involving a financial loss estimated at from $70,000 to $75,000.

The fire broke out in the factory of the Passumpsic fibre leather company and spread rapidly to the extensive flour and grain mill of E. T. and H. K. Ide and Company, reducing both plants to ashes.

The origin of the fire is attributed to spontaneous combustion among leather stored in the main building. The village is without fire protection and as there is practically no water supply, due partly to the drought it was useless to call for assistance from nearby places in this state and New Hampshire. The entire absence of wind prevented the partial destruction of the village.

The Passumpsic fibre leather company had an insurance of $20,000 on the building and machinery and $2000 on finished leather board valued at $6000.

The company's loss is placed at from $40,000 to $50,000 over the insurance. Ide & Company lose from $15,000 to $18,000 and have an insurance of $8500.

The flour mill has been conducted by the Ide Company for 31 years since the destruction of an old plant built by the Ides in 1873. It is doubtful if the mill is rebuilt.

It is thought that the leather company's plant will be restored. The factory was a large two-story wooden building and the flour mill was three stories high. The loss of these industries is a serious blow to the village.

THE MILLS LOST

Not So Many Operatives at Work

FALL RIVER, Dec. 19—The manufacturers did not make the gains this morning that they confidently expected owing to the fact that the relief stations were not opened and it had been set forth that many operatives were dissatisfied because they were not receiving the support they expected after the granting of the A. F. of L. assessment. One mill, the Mechanics lost in numbers and the same is reported as true of other concerns. This is the twenty second week of the strike and the fifth of the attempt of the manufacturers to break it, no matter what the cost. Secretary Whitehead of the weavers association has gone on record as saying it would be a shame to prevent operatives from going into the mills if they were suffering from the necessities of life but in spite of the advantages that the mills have in inducing weavers to return to their looms the weavers will not respond.

About thirty of the weavers of the Tecumseh mills which comprises almost the full force of the operatives of that department at work struck this morning. They claim that they had been promised $9 weekly standing pay for eight looms and that the management attempted to compel them to run 12 looms. This corporation employs 270 weavers and the few they had succeeded in getting together in five weeks have now deserted. Another check of $5000 was received this morning from the American Federation of Labor making a total of $30,000 so far received on the A. F. of L. convention assessment. All the contributions are showing a big increase.

It is not expected that the manufacturers will agree to arbitration as proposed but the leaders of the strike intend to place them on record before the country.

NEW EXHIBIT PALACE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19—The additional exhibit palace on the Lewis and Clark fair grounds the construction of which was rendered necessary in order to accommodate all the exhibitors who have been allotted space will be a structure 250 feet wide and 400 feet long. It is to be called the "manufacturers" and is to be devoted to "live" manufacturing exhibits mainly from Pacific states. Seven of the exhibition palaces have been formally turned over to the Lewis and Clark corporation.

WAS A VAUDEVILLE ARTIST.

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 19—Wm. H. Davenport, an old time vaudeville artist and former regular in the United States army, is dead here from apoplexy. Davenport was attached to the famous Seventh cavalry, as an enlisted man and was with Reno at the time of the Custer massacre. On account of the bravery in that campaign, he was appointed to a lieutenancy but resigned after holding his commission for 10 years, to take up the theatrical profession.

HORSES FOR $2

SCARCITY OF HAY FORCES PEASANTS TO SELL THEM.

WARSAW, Dec. 19—On account of the scarcity of hay the peasants of the Vistula districts are compelled to sell their horses as low as $2 each. The poor Jews in order to comply with the rite requiring fish on the table Fridays are buying fish heads from the restaurants.

SENATOR CRAIG

WILL BE NAMED FOR POSTMASTER OF LYNN.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 19.—It is officially announced in Lynn today that Hon. Wm. P. Craig, senator-elect in the first Essex district, has been recommended by Senator Lodge for appointment as postmaster at Lynn to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Postmaster H. K. Sanderson last week. This announcement is a surprise to Lynn politicians.

Senator Craig has accepted the tender. He is a native of Nova Scotia and was elected for a third term in the senate.

BARGE ASHORE

MAY GO TO PIECES IN HEAVY SEA.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 19.—The barge reported last night as ashore on the south side of Fishers Island is the Albertus which was a part of a tow of three, bound from Philadelphia for Boston in tow of the tug Conestoga. Early Sunday morning Capt. Taylor of the tug attempted to take his tow into New London harbor, but missed his bearings in the blinding snow storm, one of the barges going ashore. The other two barges were left at anchor while the tug came to this city for assistance. Meanwhile the men on the wrecked barge were taken off by the crew of the life-saving station on Fishers Island by means of the breeches buoy.

A tug from the Thames Tow Boat company here assisted the Conestoga in bringing in the two anchored barges to this harbor and today the tow boat company will endeavor to lighten the cargo of coal on the stranded barge. The Albertus at 8 o'clock this morning was lying in three feet of water. The captain of the life-saving station thought it probable that the barge would go to pieces in the heavy sea.

U. S. ARMY MEN

WILL BE DRILLED TO INCREASE PROFICIENCY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Militia men of the United States are to be provided with the most modern type of artillery and drilled in its use until they approach in proficiency the West Point graduates, according to Congressman J. A. T. Hull of Iowa, chairman of the house on military affairs, who is here.

"While a retrenchment will be made in the regular army," said Mr. Hull, "there is a disposition on the part of the military committee to improve the equipment of the national guard.

For it is upon that branch of the service that the nation must depend in the event of any war."

$30,000,000 ASSETS

DOWIE'S REPORTS ON CONDITION OF ZION CITY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19—Before a congregation of nearly 5,000 persons, John Alexander Dowie has declared that the assets of Zion City were $30,000,000 and of this sum $21,000,000 was in Zion City. He said that the total indebtedness was less than $50,000 and most of that was to members of the church.

SEAMAN INJURED

HIS LEG WAS CAUGHT IN THE HALLYARD.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 18.—(By mail to Boston, Dec. 19)—All telephone and telegraph wires were disabled as the result of last night's storm and there was a heavy fall of snow here.

Faunce Molloy, a seaman, was landed here from the Boston trawler Mystery today, having broken his leg by becoming entangled in the hallyard while the main-sail was being lowered. He will be taken to Boston for treatment.

Molloy is a native of St. Mary's, N. F., and a resident of East Boston.

SPECIAL ELECTION.

AUGUSTA, Maine, Dec. 19.—A special election in Kennebec county is being held today for state senator on account of the death of Senator-elect Gustavus A. Robertson of Augusta. Col. William M. Ayer, of Oakland, nominated at the republican county convention, is the only contestant. A special election for mayor of Augusta is also being held, Mr. Robertson having held that position at the time of his death. Charles S. Hichborn was nominated by the republicans.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

FINE CONCERT AT MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB.

A Christmas carol concert was held under the auspices of the Middlesex Women's club, in the club rooms, corner of Palmer and Middle streets, this afternoon. The concert started at 4 o'clock and was under the direction of Mr. E. K. Baldwin. The attendance was very large and the program carried out was a very meritorious one.

The boy soprano soloist was Leonard Scorgie, soloist at the Church of the Advent, Boston. The chorus was made up of boys from St. Anne's Episcopal church choir, of this city, assisted by the following men: Herbert Whipple, Charles R. Waterworth and E. K. Baldwin, tenors; Charles H. Howard, Charles G. Martin and Thomas P. Boulger, basses; Miss Mary E. Reilly accompanist.

The program was as follows:

1. Carols.
   (a) God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen.
   (b) When Christ Was Born.
   (c) The Seven Joys of Mary.
   (d) We Three Kings of Orient Are.
2. Solo, O Holy Night (Cantique Noel), Master Leonard Scorgie.
3. Solo, Bethlehem, Charles G. Martin.
4. Carols.
   (a) Sleep, Holy Babe.
   (b) What Child Is This? (Solo by Charles H. Howard.)
   (c) Silent Night.
   (d) The Virgin Stills the Crying. Tr. from the Latin by H. A. Bramley.
5. Cradle hymn, In Softest Slumber Rest, Master Scorgie and E. K. Baldwin.
6. Solo, Christide Noel, Thomas P. Boulger.
7. Solo, Night of Nights, Master Scorgie.
8. Carols.
   (a) The Night in Solemn Stillness Hung.
   (b) Across the Desert Sands by Night.
   (c) Shepherds! Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep.
   (e) Come, Gentles, Rise! Solo by Master Scorgie.

CREW RESCUED

BOSTON SCHOONER WENT ASHORE NEAR BAY HEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—The Boston schoner Lizzie H. Brayton which went ashore on the outer bar near Bay Head, N. J. yesterday was lying in the same position today. Whether or not she could be floated was a question but two big wrecking steamers were standing by awaiting a favorable opportunity to make the first attempt. Reports from Captain Kelley and the crew of eight men who were rescued by the life savers when the Brayton struck the bar yesterday, say that they have suffered no permanent effects from their trying experience.

The Brayton is a comparatively new vessel, having been built at Bath, Maine in 1901. She was bound from Baltimore for Providence with a cargo of coal.

DEATHS

SANDS—George J. Sands, aged 21, years and four months, died yesterday at the home of his father, 168 South street. He was a well known young man and worked at the Bigelow Carpet mill. He leaves to mourn his loss a father, six sisters and one brother.

McARDLE—Alfred L. McArdle, infant son of Alfred L. and Regina, died Saturday at the home of his parents in South Lowell.

PUDLO—Katarina, aged 27 years, wife of Wojach Pudlo, died Saturday at her home, 86 Williams street.

BOUNDARY CASE

DECIDED IN FAVOR OF STATE OF NEBRASKA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The supreme court of the U. S. today decided the boundary case between the states of Missouri and Nebraska in favor of the state of Nebraska. The case involved the question as to whether a change of the course of the Missouri river had the effect of changing land which had theretofore been on the west side of the river to the east side of the river from the jurisdiction of Nebraska to the jurisdiction to Missouri, but the court held that it did not. The opinion was by Justice Harlan, who said that the boundary must remain in the middle of the old channel as before the change.

SUPREME COURT

DECIDES THAT LOCOMOTIVES MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH COUPLERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In a decision handed down by Chief Justice Fuller in the case of Johnson vs. the Southern Pacific railway company, the supreme court of the U. S. today practically held that all cars, including locomotives, should be equipped with uniform automatic couplers. The court also held that dining cars cannot be exempt from the requirements of the safety appliance laws when in use, even though empty.

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BODIES OF DEAD

Were Heaped Together on Battlefield

CHEFOO, Dec. 19, 1.30 p. m.—A Japanese camp-follower who saw a portion of the fighting at 203 Metre Hill and who arrived here from Dalny today, says that Commander Mizzenoff's description of the fight is not exaggerated. He believes, however, that the Russian losses were heavier than stated by Commander Mizzenoff, as the Russians repeatedly brought up reinforcements until it seemed that the entire garrison must have been in that section. Russian dead, he said, were indiscriminately mingled with the heaps of Japanese dead. The slope of 203 Metre Hill being smooth, the Japanese prepared for their advance by shelling the hillside. The shells in exploding hollowed out footholds. In some instances the Japanese found protection behind the heaps of their own dead.

TOGO'S REPORT ON JAPANESE WORK

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—11 a. m. Vice Admiral Togo's report on the torpedo operations against the Russian turret ship Sevastopol was received today. It says:

"On the night of Dec. 14, our torpedo flotillas made a gallant and brave series of attacks against the Russian turret ship Sevestopol."

The flotillas arrived outside the entrance to Port Arthur about midnight on that date. The leading flotilla, under Commander Uschida and a special torpedo boat party for attack and partly to reconnoitre, approached the Sevastopol at 1 o'clock and under the searchlights and fire of the enemy's ship and shore batteries they attacked her.

"A shell struck Commander Mitsunori's torpedo boat and four shots hit Commander Nakanuta's boat, wounding three sailors.

"Subsequently our flotillas attacked, acting independently.

"Flotilla A, Commander Kasuya, advanced first for the purpose of destroying the defenses protecting the Sevastopol and also to draw and direct the fire under the enemy's searchlight. Flotilla D, Commander Jinguji, flotilla C, Commander Otaki, flotilla K, Commander Zeki and Flotilla E, Commander Kawase, approached successfully and bravely continued the attack from 2 until 4 o'clock in the morning.

"Commander Otaki's flotilla approached the closest and delivered the most vigorous attack.

"While retreating one torpedo boat received several shots simultaneously, her commander, Lieutenant Nakahori, and five others being killed. The boat lost her freedom of motion and Lieutenant Nakahara's boat went to the rescue and despite the heavy fire endeavored to save her. While towing the boat the enemy's shells severed the hawsers. Lieutenant Nakahara's boat was also hit and one man killed. Subsequently several shells hit and almost disabled Lieutenant Nakahara's boat, forcing him to abandon his comrade ship which was sinking. Lieutenant Nakahara, however, steamed back and rescued the crew and abandoned the torpedo boat to her fate.

"Commander Kawase's boat, belonging to the same flotilla, was struck by a shell, killing one of the crew and wounding Lieut. Takahashi and two sailors.

"Lieut. Shono's boat was hit and one of the crew killed and five wounded. The boat was temporarily disabled but his comradeships, with Lieut. S. Watanabe and Mori commanding, protected her and rescued her. All the other boats bravely facing the enemy's fire succeeded in delivering attacks without suffering any damage.

"The result of their attacks is not definitely known, although it is evident that numerous torpedoes took effect.

"The watch tower, reporting on the following morning, said that the Sevastopol had lowered at the bows considerably, facing toward the south southeast. Her condition is such that she does not change her position in the current. She is anchored close in the shore, in the shallow water.

"It is a source of satisfaction that our torpedo attacks were delivered without the least confusion. Each boat rendered material assistance to its comrades. The skilful manoeuvring and bravery of the officers and men inspires me with a deep feeling of satisfaction and confidence."

REMARKABLE STRUGGLE FOR HIGH HILL

CHEFOO, Dec. 19.—For ferocity and sustained desperation on both sides, the struggle for the possession of High hill, probably was the most remarkable in the history of the siege of Port Arthur—a siege noted for slaughter.

This statement is based on an interview which the correspondent of the Associated Press had with Commander Mizzenoff, executive officer of the battleship Poltava, up to the time the vessel was dismantled, and who left Port Arthur in a sail boat Dec. 15 and arrived here Dec. 16, bearing despatches which were turned over to the Russian consul for transmission to St. Petersburg. These despatches, it is understood, consist partly of a statistical report of the effect of the Japanese bombardments and there is nothing in them to indicate that General Stoessel is without hope that the fortress will be able to hold out.

Commander Mizzenoff, who was wounded in the leg during the battle of High hill, said to the Associated Press correspondent:

"Since the Japanese, on the 25th, began their attack on High hill, which they call 203-Metre hill, the fighting has been continuous. The steep and sandy slopes of the hill were streaked and dotted with snow when the Japanese began the battle which was destined to furnish so many deeds of heroism that they became commonplace. There was so much slaughter that even Port Arthur's war-hardened veterans shuddered at the sight.

"The enemy went down in squads and companies, but there were always others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise, as was that of our men. Sometimes the fighting was hand-to-hand, with the muzzles of the rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords.

"The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of them had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness surcease from their dying agonies.

"When the Japanese retired under an artillery fire, the Russians re-occupied the summit.

"The second and third assaults were replicates of the first, although the second was the most ferocious, being nearly all hand-to-hand fighting in which mercy was neither asked nor given.

"The Japanese adopted a curious expedient which assisted them greatly in the third assault. They had prepared huge piles of wood, coal and cornstalks which they fanned, the wind being in the faces of the Russians. The resultant fire was immense and the flames and smoke compelled the Russians to retire.

"The red glare from the fire disclosed a ghastly picture more infernal than ever dreamed by Dante.

"The assaults thus far had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men, while our own were under 2000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood and every visible spot was dyed crimson.

"Following the third assault, an armistice of five hours was agreed in order to bury the dead.

"In this task great speed was necessary. The Japanese undoubtedly made many awful mistakes and beyond doubt heaps containing many helpless wounded were shovelled into pits and trenches. The Japanese could not, owing to the darkness and their feverish haste, distinguish between the dead and wounded.

"Scarcely an officer participating in the battle of High hill escaped unhurt and the proportion of young officers killed was very high."

BON MARCHE JUNGLE

MME. SCHELL RETAINED ANOTHER WEEK.

This fearless little woman, who has thrilled thousands of people during the past week by her feats of daring within the cage of wild forest lions, will hold over for this week which, however, will positively be the last. Commencing with today, the Jungle will open every day at 10 a. m. to accommodate the morning shoppers, and the full program of entertainment will be given, including free donkey rides for the little ones.

MISSING JEWELS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—In the arrest of Robert Baeckelein, clerk in the Hotel Stratford, the police think they have a possible clue to the disappearance from the hotel on Thanksgiving day of $30,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. E. C. Benedict.

He is said to have been on duty at the hotel when Mrs. Benedict is alleged to have lost the gems.

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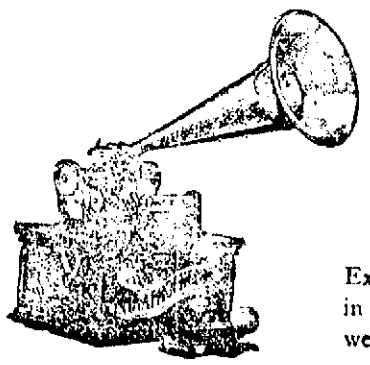

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Hannah O'Donoghue, late of Lowell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate by Katie O'Donoghue who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lowell in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of December A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing post paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Acting Register.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Hotel for sale, Bridgeport, Conn.; city eighty thousand; lease three years; thirty rooms, parlor and bar-room; steam heat, electric light and gas. Rent one hundred and thirty. New license price four thousand dollars. Address Hugh Mackinnon, Hotel Emerson, Bridgeport, Conn.

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GIRL MURDERED

He Body Found on Mt. Cutler

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 19.—The body of a white woman apparently about 18 years old, has been found on Mount Cutler by two surveyors. An attempt to destroy the features, supposedly to prevent identification, had been made. Detectives have been unable to establish the girl's identity but advance the theory that she was a tourist from the east. The girl had been dead a week or ten days when the body was found.

Telegrams have been sent to the chiefs of police of Philadelphia, St. Louis and other cities, giving a complete description as far as possible of the dead girl. Near where the body was found the officers discovered a card bearing the name and address of a St. Louis man, and a prescription blank bearing the name of Dr. F. Kline Baker, 3019 Diamond street, Philadelphia, and the name of Comp, druggist, Thirtieth and Diamond streets, Philadelphia.

DR. BAKER'S STORY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Word was received here last night that a prescription blank bearing the name and address of Dr. F. Kline Baker, 3019 Diamond street, Philadelphia, was found near the spot on Cutler mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo., where the body of a young woman was found. Dr. Baker said last night that he knew nothing of the case. He explained the presence of his prescription blanks by saying that he spent several days at Colorado Springs last summer and that he carried with him a pad of his prescription blanks for the purpose of making memoranda. He says he may have dropped some of them and that they may have been blown about by the wind. He remembers having given one to a photographer who took his photograph.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of John Moffatt, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Nellie Sullivan, of Lowell in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Joseph H. Hamm of Everett in said County, that he was lawfully married to Kittie B. Hamm, now of Clyde River, Prince Edward Island, Canada, at Medford in said County on the 5th day of September A. D. 1891, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Kittie B. lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Everett, that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Kittie B., being wholly regardless of the same, at Everett on or about the 15th day of May A. D. 1900 utterly deserted your libellant and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Kittie B.

Dated this 26th day of November A. D. 1904.

JOSEPH H. HAMM.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, December 6, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Susan Murray, late of Lowell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by James F. Murray who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lowell in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of December A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Acting Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Catherine M. Buckley of Lowell in said County, that she was lawfully married to John William Buckley now of Brooklyn in the State of New York at Manchester in the State of New Hampshire on the tenth day of November A. D. 1890, and thereafterwards your libellant lived in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell for five years last preceding the filing of this libel, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said John William Buckley being wholly regardless of the same, at Manchester in the State of New Hampshire on or about March 1st, 1894 did utterly desert your libellant and the same has continued for three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said John William Buckley.

Dated this nineteenth day of September, A. D. 1904.

CATHERINE M. BUCKLEY.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, November 23, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell in the County of Middlesex once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THERE WILL BE a sale at Brothers Hall, Suffolk st. Thursday evening in aid of the poor of St. Patrick's parish, people wishing to send eatables, jelly, etc., will leave them at the hall Thursday afternoon.

REMOVES moles, wrinkles, freckles and black heads without steam or harming the complexion at the New York Hair Dressing Parlors, 97 Central st., Room 5.

WALL PAPER of good quality and a practical man to hang it, $2 per room, discount for quantities. T. H. Siddeley, 749 Gorham st.

PARK VIEW RESTAURANT, 193 East Merrimack st., just opened. Rooms if required. J. Darch, Prop.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL PRESENTS—A good doll carriage or a handsome doll given away with a pound of Tea or two pounds of Coffee. Calendars given to customers. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack st.

WILL THE PERSON who made a mistake in money call at 25 Cross st., Mrs. D. Lyons, and identify it. Can have same by paying for this adv.

GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHES cleaned and pressed, rates reasonable, special prices to weekly customers. Stanislus Blondin, 225 Cumberland Road.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others, without security, easy payments, offices in 50 leading cities. Tolman, room 48, Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack st.

MONEY LOANED—Our plan of loaning money on salaries is the most liberal to be found anywhere, and is especially appreciated by Teachers, Clerks, Salesmen and Business workers. Easy weekly payments. All transactions confidential. Massachusetts Loan Company, 13 Merrimack Sq., 10 Prescott street, Room 2.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security, boarding houses, teamsters, salaried loans a specialty. Best terms obtainable, liberal discount for prompt payments, commission paid. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate Building.

DON'T BE SHORT—Plenty of money to loan to salaried people, merchants, boarding house keepers, teamsters, etc. Easy weekly payments, lowest rates in the city. Confidential; no publicity; no delay. Special inducements for quick payments. Private office. U. S. Loan Co., 90 Prescott st., room 5, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, diamonds, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers' Hall.

TO LET

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms in good repair. Inquire at 7 Newhall st., store.

TO LET—First class modern tenement of 9 rooms, near Normal school. Inquire 33 Columbus Ave. or telephone 1045-3.

TO LET—Two furnished rooms for housekeeping with gas, bath and heat. Apply Weston house, 209 Appleton st.

TO LET—One large front room with heat, light and bath, hot and cold water, furnished, on sunny side of street; young couple preferred, at 106 Mt. Vernon st.

TO LET—Furnished room at cor. Bridge and Third sts.

TO LET—1 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut st.

TO LET—Pleasant tenements in Centralville $4.50 per month and upward. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

TO LET—Boarding house of 15 rooms Inquire of John Whitty, 152 Market st.

TO LET—Cottage of seven rooms, bath, hot and cold water. Keys at 26 B st.

TO LET Convenient locality 10-room house, furnace heat, all improvements, a pleasant street, could let rooms. Apply Charles M. Erskine, room 32, Hildreth Building.

TO LET—A cottage house of 7 rooms, hot and cold water and bath, furnace. 102 Bowers st., also tenement of six rooms 76 Mt. Vernon st., equipped same as cottage. Inquire at 96 Bowers st.

TO LET—Nice tenement of five rooms with toilet. Newly painted and papered. 336 Fletcher st.

TO LET—12 room house near Shaw Stocking Co., fine location for boarders, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers' Hall.

TO LET—Several 5-room flats near the mills, everything new, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers Hall.

TO LET—Fine modern residence, 60 Sheldon street. Eight rooms, hot and cold water, cemented cellar floor and all latest improvements. Apply M. O'Donnell, St. James Hotel.

TO LET—Very convenient front and side room, single or otherwise, modern conveniences, reasonable to respectable parties 271 Gorham st. opp. Court House.

TO LET—A finely appointed flat, 239 Liberty st. Everything new, large rooms, open plumbing, steam heat. On line of street cars. Inquire at 241 Liberty st.

TO LET—6 beautiful flats, with bath room and hot and cold water in the New Nolan Block at the junction of Central and Chapel sts. Everything in first class order, for further particulars inquire of John Nolan, 844 Central st.

WANTED

CASH PAID for apples at car, Thorndike st. track. Bring along your apples, take back your money and barrels. Harrison & Co., 39 Chelmsford st.

WANTED—Baby to board in a desirable home. Inquire 688 Pleasant st., Dracut Centre.

WANTED—Children to board in country, desirable home; terms reasonable. Address Nelson, R. F. D., Billerica Centre.

WANTED—For cash 25 or 30 early pullets any breed. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED—Stable manure in large or small lots. Telephone or drop postal to H. W. Foster, R. D., No. 1.

Everybody Says

The Sun is Lowell's greatest newspaper.

What everybody says must be true.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Safe and cash register. Call or address Green, 35 East Merrimack st.

FOR SALE—First class variety store, illness the cause. Apply Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—8-room house, good condition, first-class neighborhood, modern improvements, price low. Apply Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—Collie pupples, sable and white, all ages. Drop a postal for what you want. Thistle Kennels, Box 460, City.

FOR SALE—Handsome young canaries, warranted good singers, price $2 each at 57 Tyler st.

FOR SALE—Here is a chance, 22 room lodging house, only $200. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Tobacco store. A1 location. If taken this week, only $125. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Fine singing canaries for sale at 155 West Sixth st.

FOR SALE—A covered pung, side doors, glass front, in first class condition, suitable for baker or milkman. Call at Roscoe's paint shop, Willie st.

LEGAL TRADING STAMPS—Special. We give 150 with one pound of our 70c tea; 100 with our 60c tea; 80 with our 50c tea; 50 with our 35c coffee; 120 with one pound Baking Powder at 50c; 50 with vanilla extracts, etc., 25c. The Elwood Tea Co., Junction of Gorham and Thorndike sts.

F. COGGER, the truckman sells all kinds of wood at a low price, $1 extra for sawing. 438 Riverside st. Tel. Con.

MISCELLANEOUS

WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.—Before buying an Xmas present call and see our special rotary machine, it is the lightest and fastest running machine in the market, second hand machines for sale, lock and chain stitch. 376 Bridge st.

WANTED—"Science and Health" by Mrs. Eddy. Editions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Address X Q Z 5, Sun office.

MRS. CLARA ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office, 355 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

THE WONDERFUL new drink Gloria gives health and youthful vigor. Boyle Bros. Agents. Telephone.

WE HAVE ALL the Fall Blocks of Hats and are prepared to supply the gentlemen of this city. Stiff hats cleaned free at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex st. The practical hatter.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination used by 200,000 women. Price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A silver watch and chain on Bridge st. at Merrimack, square Friday about 5.30. Finder please return to Michael Hanney, 27 Phillip st., city.

FOUND—A pocketbook containing a sum of money. Call at 13 Barristers hall.

LOST—Envelope containing sum of money between Lane st. and Appleton Co. office, Jackson st. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to 37 Lane st.

FOUND—A sum of money. Call on Letter Carrier 33 at Post Office.

FOUND—Wrist bag containing money. Inquire evenings at 17 Andover st.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday some where between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

SITUATIONS WANTED

SITUATION WANTED—By a Swede girl to do general housework. Call at 18 Manchester st.

WANTED—A situation by a thoroughly experienced stenographer and bookkeeper. Would make herself generally useful in an office. Good references. Address C. J., Sun Office.

MIDDLE AGED LADY would like to take care of two children. Address L., Sun Office.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—One or two sober, steady, reliable men, for permanent out door positions. Must be of neat appearance. Apply Room 5, 5 Merrimack square.

WANTED—Any person to distribute our samples; $18 weekly, steady. "Empire", 4 Wells st., Chicago.

WANTED—10 men in each state to travel, tack signs and distribute samples and circulars of our goods. Salary $75 per month. $3 per day for expenses. Kuhlman Co., Dept. D 16, Atlas Block, Chicago.

WANTED—Circulars and sample distributors wanted everywhere. No canvassing. Good pay. Co-Operative Adv. Co., N. Y.

WANTED—Watchman for small manufactory; 35 horse power boiler. Man licensed to run small engine preferred. State experience and give references. Address P. O. Box 1068, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A first class hosiery man, one thoroughly familiar with full automatic machinery, and conversant with the details of the business. State age, if married, and salary expected. First class position to the right man. Position out of town. Address Oneida, this office.

WANTED—A house girl at 147 Crosby st.

WANTED—A young man who can sell and deliver kindling wood, no other need apply, good pay, steady work. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl, 20-21 Boott Corp. Mrs. Osgood.

ANY intelligent person may earn $10 to $15 weekly in spare time corresponding for newspapers. No canvassing. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

FREE—One-half doz. china teacups and saucers. Sell 15, 10c pkgs. Sachet. Lowell Perfume Co., Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—Men everywhere, good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

BUSINESS CHANCES

I HAVE A FEW hundred dollars to invest in a paying business where services are required for a fair salary. State nature of business. Address B., Sun Office.

THE STORM'S DAMAGE

Cape Cod District Was Strewn With Wreckage

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A storm which nearly reached the proportions of a hurricane swept over southeastern New England yesterday. The snow fall, especially along the coast from New London to Cape Cod, was unsually heavy, while a wind velocity of sixty miles an hour was reported at Block Island.

As usual shipping and telegraph lines suffered severely, but to a late hour last night, no loss of life had been reported. For the second time within six years, Vineyard Haven, the favorite anchorage for coastwise shipping, proved a trap for the northeast gale, which blowing directly into the harbor tore fifteen schooners from their moorings and sent them careening through a fleet that completely filled the busin and finally drove them ashore, fortunately on soft bottom.

Collisions were of course, frequent, and a number of schooners which managed to hang onto their anchor chains suffered.

Across the sound at Woods Hole, a small schooner was driven ashore, but not damaged.

Fifty miles farther to the westward at Fishers Island, three light barges were driven ashore, but so far as could be learned last night, no one was lost.

News from Cape Cod, the scene of so many disasters, came by train last night, for the first time since 1898. Every wire east and south of Wareham, Mass., was prostrated by the gale. Hundreds of poles were snapped off between Buzzard's bay and Harwich. The wires from that point to Provincetown were in somewhat better shape, owing to the fact that the snow on that part of the cape turned to rain before the storm reached its height.

Train service on the cape was delayed but little.

The storm must have been fearful south of Martha's Vineyard and on the route of the trans-Atlantic liners between Nantucket lightship and New York.

That some of the larger of the coastwise fleet successfully weathered the gale in that vicinity, was shown yesterday afternoon, when the big seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson came up Vineyard sound. The Lawson must have gone through the storm off Gay Head.

The snow fall reached nearly three feet on the southern New England coast and street railway lines were badly crippled.

Further inland the storm was not as severe, and in this city it was scarcely more than an ordinary winter disturbance.

It will be several days probably before the full ravages of the gale are learned, and then it is feared will come the tragedies.

STEAMERS DELAYED

STORM ALONG THE COAST A SEVERE ONE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The snow storm and gale which struck the coast Saturday afternoon and continued until the early hours of yesterday, was the most violent that has occurred for several years. Reports from the New Jersey and New England coast and from incoming steamers tell of furious gales and many disasters. Off the Bay Head, N. J., life-saving station the schooner Lizzie H. Drayton, bound from Baltimore for Providence, R. I., went ashore.

The Cunarder Umbria, and the American liner St. Paul, both of which arrived yesterday, reported heavy weather and adverse gales during the whole passage. The Anchor line steamer Astoria, bound for Glasgow, went ashore today in the lower bay but was later floated without injury and proceeded.

Most of the Sound steamers were late in arriving at their piers. The Fall River boat Pilgrim from Fall River reported very heavy weather, being forced to anchor for half an hour off Stamford, Conn. She was about an hour late reaching her dock. Other boats reported difficulty in navigating owing to the storm, and most were from half to an hour late in docking.

In the river and harbor the traffic was for a while during the worst of the storm almost at a standstill. So heavy was the snowfall that lights could be seen on the river a boat's length ahead, and ferryboats and other craft proceeded at a diminished headway, blowing whistles and feeling their way cautiously through the blinding snow storm.

No accidents of any moment were reported.

In the city the snow which began yesterday afternoon, fell almost without intermission until early this morning. Eight inches fell. There was little interruption of traffic, 13,000 snow shovelers and four thousand teams being set to work as soon as the snow ceased falling to clear the principal thoroughfares.

At the Grand Central station it was said last night that the train service had not been interrupted by the storm.

Three feet of snow on the level was recorded in the East End of Long Island.

AT CAPE COD

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE CUT OFF.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Communication with Cape Cod by telephone and telegraph, broken off by Sunday's storm, was still interrupted today, though hundreds of linemen were at work making repairs. Trains were delayed and news from cape points by mail and messenger could not be expected to reach here today much before noon. The telephone lines were intact to Wareham, about 50 miles from Boston, and Buzzard's bay, about 55 miles from Boston, could be reached by telegraph, but as these points are about 30 miles from points on the southern side of the cape and about 75 miles from Provincetown, at the end of Cape Cod, practically no news had reached either place since Sunday evening.

Such additional information as had been received indicted that the earlier reports of storm damage had not been exaggerated. The snow is from two to four feet deep and in many places drifted so as to block highways and shut car lines. The wind which blew at times 40 miles an hour had strewn the cape with broken telegraph poles, trees and other wreckge.

No additional news had reached either Buzzard's bay or Wareham early today about the many vessels driven ashore at Vineyard Haven or concerning other marine disasters along the cape shore.

NO COMMUNICATION

CAPE COD DISTRICT IS CUT OFF SOUTH OF WAREHAM.

WAREHAM, Mass., Dec. 19.—The entire Cape Cod district south of Wareham was practically cut off today, telephonic communication being impossible and telegraph wires south of Buzzard's Bay being out of order on account of yesterday's storm. According to reports received by train today, many telegraph poles were blown down during yesterday's gale, wrecking and entangling wires so that communication was interrupted to all points south. Telegraph wires used by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad were in the same condition as the public line. This, however, was the only inconvenience or damage suffered by the railroad company.

Electric cars on the Middleboro, Wareham & Buzzard's Bay street railway could not pass further south than Wareham on account of the snow.

Goods at low prices. Oriental Bazaar.

THE LAND FRAUDS

Senator and Congressman Face Charges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Post today says:

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann of Oregon left Washington last night for Portland to appear before the federal grand jury and face charges which, they have been advised, have been made, implicating them in Oregon land frauds. Both Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann declare in most positive terms that they are absolutely innocent and have nothing to fear from returning to Oregon. Both assert with equal positiveness that the time has come when "this outrageous persecution must stop." They will insist upon their right to go before the grand jury and make answer to all charges that may be made against them, confident that they will be able to establish their innocence. They expect to have a hearing on Saturday.

When asked last night why he had decided to return to Portland at this time, after having declined to go as a witness when summoned by subpoena a week ago, Senator Mitchell said:

"I was advised yesterday by telegrams, from Portland that it was reported there that Puerto, Watson and others had made confessions implicating me and that there would be an effort to indict me and Hermann before the grand jury which meets tomorrow. A week ago when I was called as a witness, I had no intimation that it was claimed that I was implicated in any way and I did not feel it my duty to go and sacrifice public business. But the moment I was advised that I was being attacked personally I concluded I was justified in sacrificing public business and everything else to go and defend my character against assaults that I know to be without any foundation whatever."

Representative Hermann expressed himself in a similar manner.

GRAND JURY SESSION.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 19.—As ordered by Judge Bellinger when the second of the land fraud cases were postponed until next April, the United States grand jury will reconvene today.

This session without doubt will be the most important meeting ever held on the Pacific coast. Government representatives decline to make any statement regarding the probable acts of the jury, but rumors are rife concerning the possible indictment of well known men in legal political circles throughout the country, as well as a number of others not so important in the community.

One rumor is to the effect that some of those who were convicted 10 days ago have offered certain evidence in the hope of escaping with nominal sentences.

Order your Xmas trimmings and flowers, McManmon, florist, and get them at first cost.

B. T. I. OFFICERS

ANNUAL ELECTION WAS HELD YESTERDAY.

The regular meeting of the Burke Temperance Institute was held in their rooms in the Union National bank building yesterday afternoon and considerable business of importance was transacted. One of the features of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing six months, which resulted as follows:

THOMAS M. KEEGAN.

President, Thomas M. Keegan; vice-president, Michael F. Manning; treasurer, John Winn; financial secretary, Thomas C. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis P. Duggan; spiritual director, Rev. Hugh McDermod; board of trustees, John H. McGuinness, James J. Redmond, James Wynne. The institute has been growing rapidly in membership and the work the members are putting into the society will show in the near future something that will surprise the public at large.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Christmas Presents

Girls' and Boys' Sleds, Skates, Guns, Rubber Toys, Razors, Shaving Mugs, Pocket Knives, Boys' Tool Chests, Child's Carpet Sweepers, Desks, Swan Rockers, Rocking Chairs.

When making a Christmas present give a gift that is practical, such as a pair of skates or a sled for the children. We have goods suitable to old and young and our prices are always the lowest. If you are thinking of making a Christmas present and do not know what you want, just call at our store and you can surely find what you want. Remember the place,

11 East Merr'k St.
PAINTS AND HARDWARE
Napoleon Lafleur, PROPRIETOR
The People's Bargain Store.

Today
Is the last Day of the Sale of A. A. Parent's Stock and the Opening of
Christmas Sale
—OF—
Fancy Furniture
Suitable for Christmas Gifts
See Our Window Display. It Will Tempt You to Buy
A. E. O'Heir & Co.
MERRIMACK SQUARE

HOLDS FIRE OVER NIGHT
STANLEY'S COAL
223 MOODY ST. 53 MEADOWCROFT ST. 12 THORNDIKE ST.

The Bon Marche
Dry Goods Company
Santa Claus and Toyland
AWAIT YOUR COMING
Santa receives in the morning from 10.30, until 11.30, in afternoon from 2.30 until 4 o'clock.
Toyland is here for your inspection all day long. Store is open every night this week.
But for your sake and our sake do your shopping in the morning if you can.
The Jungle is a big drawing card. Special attractions every week. Free donkey rides for the children. Upwards of 200 wild animals and birds. This attraction is located at 67 Middle Street. Free ticket with every purchase of 50c or more.
A SALE OF
Singing Canaries
At $1.98 Each
Is in full swing on our second floor. If in one week you find they will not sing, bring them back, we'll return your money.

CHRISTMAS TREES
—FROM—
25c to $1.75
DELIVERED
Laurel, Evergreen Wreaths and Trimmings for the Holidays.
Fruits and Confectionery in Seasonable Varieties.
The Finest Line of Pipes and Smokers' Articles to be found in the city.
Cigars—Choice packages that would be appreciated by your gentlemen friends. All can be found at
GALLAGHER'S
HUSTLING CORNER,
Next to the Merrimack Street Depot.
Come and Examine Offerings.

Try Our $6.50 Coal
It IS the Best No. 2 Chestnut Coal
HORNE COAL COMPANY

IN LUCK
Is what is meant when you receive a box of
Harry Richardson's
CHOCOLATES and BON BONS

A GOOD WAY TO SAVE MONEY
is to deposit a portion of your earnings each week or each month with the
WASHINGTON SAVINGS INSTITUTION
Remember there is no business so small and none so large but that this bank will give it careful attention.
Open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Also Saturday evenings 7 to 9 p. m.

OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK.
Rubbers 1-3 Below the Regular Prices
NEW IDEA SHOE CO.
119 and 121 Merrimack Street, Lowell
RUBBERS ARE HIGHER
We Cannot Bust the Trust
But We Can Sell Them to You at the Old Prices
BIG MANUFACTURERS' SALE OF RUBBER FOOTWEAR
This Week We Shall Place on Sale 900 Cases Men's, Boys', Youths', Women's, Misses' and Children's Rubbers, Rubber Boots and Overshoes Which We Have Just Purchased from THE HOOD RUBBER CO. We Shall Sell Them at the old Prices Which Are 1-3 Below the Regular Prices of Today. THIS LOT CONTAINS
Children's 40c Storm or Low Cut Rubbers. Sizes 6 to 10 1-2 Sale Price 25 cts pr.
Misses 50c Croquet Rubbers, sizes 11 1-2 to 2. Sale Price 25 cts pr.
Men's 75c. first quality storm or low cut Rubbers, all sizes and styles of toes Sale Price 59 cts pr.
Children's and Misses' Heavy Rolled Sole Rubbers. Regular 50c and 60c grade
CHILDREN'S SIZES 35c pr.
MISSES' SIZES 39c pr.
Ladies' first quality 65c. storm or low cut Rubbers, Sale Price 49 cts pr.
Ladies' 50c. Storm Rubbers all sizes, Sale Price 39 cts pr.
Men's $1.35 heavy or light weight one buckle Overshoes, Sale Price 98 cts pr.
Men's $2.50 high 4-buckle Overshoes, heavy or light weight, Sale Price $1.98 pr.

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

The sleigh bells have begun to jingle.

Considerable interest will center in Mayor-elect Caseys coming inaugural.

In order to make his bill thoroughly effective Representative Lacey will have to invent a means of counting the votes, unless competent men be appointed for the purpose.

Mr. Roosevelt has demonstrated that he can be brief on some subjects by the manner in which he dismisses the questions of the pensions and Porto Rico, for example—New Bedford Standard.

And on the tariff was he not still more brief?

Twenty nationalities were represented in the 1433 steerage passengers which Cunard liner Saxonia brought to Boston Saturday from Liverpool. Hungarians were in the preponderance, 289; the English came next, 171; then the Swedes 154, Finns 149, Norwegians 49, Irish 46, Austrians 44, Scotch 24, Danish 14, Belgians 14, Armenians 14, Germans 12, Hollanders 11, French 6, Polish 5, Roumanians 3, Galatians 2, Syrians 2, and Spanish 1. If variety is the spice of Americanism, do we not tend mostly to allspice?—Lewiston Journal.

It is seldom the passengers of a Cunarder are so evenly divided among the nationalities. Occasionally the big steamers will have a load nearly all of one nationality. It is only after the rush is over that odds and ends take on a cosmopolitan complexion.

SOME ALLEGED MISTAKES.

Mayor McClellan of New York, soon after entering office, was led to sign the Remsen gas bill, a measure disadvantageous to the city, and Grout, the city comptroller, has also apparently surrendered to the gas monopoly so that there is an opportunity for their enemies to criticize them severely despite the fact that both may have fallen into a trap unsuspectingly. Grout is especially culpable in having approved charges which he refused to approve under Low's administration. Injunction proceedings are the result with a lot of mud-slinging at the mayor and the Tammany forces supposed to be behind him. It is hard to agree on matters of this kind.

A SORRY SPECTACLE.

It is to be hoped that the taxpayers of Lowell will for the future be saved the ignominy of seeing a member of the city council under the influence of liquor while the branch to which he belongs is in session. In session or out of session, the councilman or alderman who gets intoxicated and makes a show of himself, should be promptly retired. What good can be expected from a man who has no greater appreciation of his official duties than to enter a meeting in a so-called "mellow" condition? We are confident that next year's council will show no such exhibition.

WHY WERE THEY ALL SILENT.

How came it that while Mrs. Chadwick had out from $13,000,000 to $25,000,000 of forged notes all lodged in banks as collateral, yet not one bank took the trouble to inquire of Andrew Carnegie if the notes were really signed by him? Nothing but regard for his feelings on the assumption that Mrs. Chadwick was an illegitimate daughter of the multi-millionaire can explain such self-sacrificing silence. How dearly they have paid for their considerate regard of Mr. Carnegie's feelings!

SCANDALOUS ERRORS IN ELECTION RETURNS.

The number of mistakes discovered in the election returns is really scandalous. It shows that the men who did the counting in the precincts where the errors were made, are either wholly incompetent or grossly careless. In either case, they were not the right men to have charge of such important work. It is plain that many of the men appointed for the purpose are placed there to draw the day's pay without any consideration whatever as to their fitness or their ability to perform the duties of the position. The result is that almost the entire work must be done over again. If a rule were put in force providing that the precinct officers who make such blunders shall not be paid for their services, they would be more careful and probably more accurate.

DASTARDLY PROPOSITION.

The proposition of the cotton merchants of Courtland, Ala., to burn up 1,000,000 bales of cotton in order to raise the price of the remainder is one of the most wicked schemes proposed in this country for years. Certainly the men who made this proposition will bear watching. Will they not endeavor to limit the crop next year or to keep down the supply in order to keep up the price? What the people of this country need is a greater supply in order to bring the cheapest cotton fabrics within the means of the poor. There is almost as much to be made by raising cotton under favorable conditions as there is in the manufacture of cotton under the unfavorable conditions which prevail at present.

This proposition to burn about one-twelfth of the cotton crop shows to what expedients the cotton growers would resort. It will alienate the sympathy and support of the purchasers of cotton throughout the country. When speculators want a corner on cotton they tie it up so that it cannot be reached but that is not quite so bad as burning it.

WHEN IS THE NON-VOTER JUSTIFIED?

Whether voters are bound to go to the polls on election day is under discussion. A voter may have no interest in the outcome. He may like one set of candidates as well as another, so that he would be doing violence to his conscience if he voted for either side. Under such conditions a voter exercises his franchise best by remaining away from the polls. But if he remains away because he has been offered money for refusing to support his party, or because he does not take interest enough in the election to bother going to the polls, then he is if not a traitor, at least a delinquent as far as the exercise of the franchise goes.

President Capen of Tufts college, advocates imposing a fine on all those who fail to vote at elections. This would probably be considered a hardship, and it would be impossible to compel any man to vote under the Aastralian system. If forced to go to the polls against his will he could cast a blank ballot which to him would serve the same purpose at staying at home. The best way to overcome the apathy of voters is to stigmatize those who do not vote as neglecting to perform one of the most important duties of citizenship. This will have a better effect than any measure of coercion.

SEEN AND HEARD

The first time a young man gives a girl a box of chocolates, she begins to think just what he will say when he proposes to her.

A friend of mine, a traveling man, loaded me with advice a few days ago and concluded with the following: "When you are in a country hotel up in Vermont and see the sign 'Reading room,' on a closed door, don't go in. It is a bar-room."

Never tell your employer that he can't get along without you. Some men refuse to take a dare.

Don't hide your light under a bushel. A quart measure may be plenty big enough.

When a man's hens are laying busily he attributes their energy to the good judgment with which he feeds them. When they stop he blames the hens.

Even if it weren't wrong to play golf on Sunday there are those who would find pleasure in it.

Much of the talking that we do might have more result if people would only listen to it.

Pretty near time to prepare your list of resolutions for the new year.

The wind was east and the chimney smoked,
And the old brown house seemed dreary,
For nobody smiled, and nobody joked,
The young folks grumbled, the old folks croaked;
They had come home chilled and weary.

Then opened the door, and a girl came in:
Oh, she was homely—very!
Her nose was pug, and her cheek was tan,
There wasn't dimple from brow to chin,
But her smile was bright and cheery.
She spoke not a word of the cold and damp
Nor yet of the gloom about her,
But she mended the fire and lighted the lamp,
And she put on the place a different stamp
From that it had without her.

Her dress, which was something in sober brown,
And with dampness nearly dripping,
She changed for a bright, warm, crimson gown,
And she looked so gay when she came down,
They forgot the air was nipping.

They forgot that the house was a dull old place,
And smoky from base to rafter,
And gloom departed from every face,
As they felt the charm of her mirthful grace,
And the cheer of her happy laughter.
Oh, give the girl who will smile and sing,
And make all glad together!
To be plain or fair is a lesser thing,
But a kind, unselfish heart can bring
Good cheer in the darkest weather.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

IN THE RULES FOR STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A number of important changes in the rules and regulations of the board of supervising inspectors of the steamboat inspection service have been approved by Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor. These changes are the result of the recent protracted meeting of the board of supervising inspectors of the service, which followed soon after the General Slocum disaster at New York in which nearly 1000 lives were lost.

The changes, among other things, require metal air tanks in wooden life boats; prohibit the use of lode or compressed granulated cork in life preservers or the use of kapok preservers; require one life preserver for every passenger and member of the crew of all vessels and portable fire extinguishers on all passenger steamers, proportioned in number to the tonnage of the boat; added requirements as to discipline of crews in fire and boat drills.

NATIONALIST LEADER

WELCOMED ON HIS RETURN FROM BANISHMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The nationalist leader, Marcel Habert, whose five years' banishment for participation in a plot to overthrow the government, expired at midnight Saturday night, was welcomed at the Orleans station here yesterday by a crowd of several thousand. The demonstration was enthusiastic but not disorderly. Habert and other chiefs of the nationalists urged moderation. Last evening there was a great meeting at St. Paul's riding school, where Habert formally resumed direction of the league of patriots. The meeting resolved on a vigorous campaign in favor of Paul Deroulede and other exiles.

FIRE IN STATE HOSPITAL.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The Middletown state hospital narrowly escaped destruction by fire Saturday night. The coolness of the attendants and the excellence of the fire drill averted a panic among the patients and the fire was got under control after three floors had been flooded with water. The damage was large.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 19.—W. F. Bowen, a private of the marine guard on the prison ship Southery at the navy yard, fell from the upper to the lower deck, a distance of 26 feet, yesterday, and was instantly killed. Bowen was 30 years old. He enlisted at Perry, Me., three years ago.

MAY ARBITRATE

Fall River Textile Council Favors Plan

THE MANUFACTURERS MAY NOT ACCEPT

Settlement of the Trouble is Expected

FALL RIVER, Dec. 19.—For the purpose of doing one of two things—settling the strike, or placing the manufacturers of Fall River on record before the country as unfavorable to entire arbitration—the textile council decided yesterday to secure the consent of the unions to the proposition for arbitration by the National Civic Federation.

Resolutions to that effect were adopted and meetings of the unions have been called for 10.30 Tuesday morning to consider the recommendations of the council.

While it will require a two-thirds vote of the members of each union to accept the proposition, the labor leaders have no doubt that the action of the council will be ratified.

Another session of the textile council will be held Tuesday afternoon, and if the unions accept the proposition, as is likely, the same will be mailed to the manufacturers with a request that it be placed before the general body.

The following record has been placed on the books of the council:

"Fall River, Dec. 18, 1904.—At the meeting of the textile council held in Spinners' hall on the above date, the following resolution was adopted, the same to be submitted to the textile unions for their approval or otherwise:

"Whereas, believing in the justice of our cause and always favoring the grand principles of fair arbitration, and

"Whereas, realizing the continuation of the long and protracted struggle is detrimental to the best interests of our city, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we submit the whole proposition to the members of our respective unions, it being identical with the one submitted to the executive committee of the cotton manufacturers' association:

"All efforts having failed to effect a satisfactory settlement of the strike now existing in our city, we agree to submit the whole subject matter in dispute to a board of arbitration, to be chosen by the National Civic federation from its executive board, and agree to accept their decision as final."

President Tansy of the council made report of the conference proceedings, and all members of the council went on record as strongly in favor of the arbitration proposition. Secretaries Jackson and Whitehead and President John Golden of the U. T. W. drew up the resolutions and they were unanimously adopted.

It is believed that the manufacturers will not accept but some counter proposition may result.

President Borden of the manufacturers declined to say whether the proposition will be submitted to the general body.

GIRL MURDERED

CLINCHING IRON MAY FURNISH CLUE TO ASSAILANT.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Mystery still shrouds the murder of Miss Rose White, the 18-year-old daughter of Dorlan White, whose mutilated body was found near Chapmansville, in Logan county, Saturday. The first bit of evidence which may lead to an arrest, came to light yesterday morning when a brand new clinching iron was found lying in the snow about 200 yards from the spot where Miss White's body was discovered.

An investigation has revealed that this clinching iron, which was stained with blood, was purchased the night before the murder at a store in Chapmansville by a well known young man, whose home is 10 miles from the White estate. This young man is missing. It is said that two years ago, while Miss White was still a schoolgirl, this young man was a constant caller at her home. It is stated that the police are upon the trail of a suspect.

MAFIA LEADERS

ARRESTS MADE BY THE SCRANTON POLICE.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 19.—Two arrests were made yesterday by the police of alleged leaders of the Carbondale Mafia. One of them, John Costa, of New York, who has been making monthly visits to the Italian colony and who is said to be the go-between for the New York headquarters and the Carbondale branch of the Mafia, was caught after a round-up of the colony. The warrant for his arrest specifically charges him with shooting Pasquale Cerretti, Nov. 11 last. Cerretti was a member of the organization who made threats to disclose its secrets after he had had a rupture with the officers of the body. The other man arrested is Frank Mazurka, who is accused of levying tribute on Carmen Pretorio under threats to cut him and burn his house. Both prisoners are in jail.

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YOUNG BRYAN

REFUSED TO APOLOGIZE AND WAS SUSPENDED.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 19.—Because of his refusal to apologize to an instructor, William J. Bryan, Jr., has been suspended from his class and has ceased the study of chemistry. Bryan is a student in the Lincoln Academy, a preparatory institution to the state university. The instructor insisted on an apology, warning the boy that he could not attend class unless he complied. The son of the twice defeated presidential candidate preferred suspension, maintaining that he had nothing for which to apologize. Neither the academy authorities nor young Bryan will discuss the affair.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

HAS THE GOUT

POPE PIUS HAS SUFFERED GREATLY.

ROME, Dec. 19.—St. Peter's was especially decorated for the formal announcement yesterday morning of the beatification of Gaspare del Bufalo, founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood and canon of San Marco, under Pius VII. Yesterday afternoon Pope Pius X., accompanied by the cardinals of the court and all bishops and dignitaries of the church at present in Rome, went to venerate the blessed Del Bufalo. The ceremony had the added object of a demonstration of loyalty. Over 30,000 people crowded the Basilica.

It was much remarked that Pope Pius, instead of walking to St. Peter's, as had been arranged, went in the sedia gestatoria, although that mode of travel invariably causes him nausea. He was unable to walk because of gout, with which he has suffered so much the last few days that he has been obliged to sit during audiences.

Holiday gifts, Oriental Bazaar.

SPURIOUS COIN

WAS CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Two men and a woman who were arraigned in the police court Saturday morning by Central office detectives and remanded for examination, are believed by the police and secret service men to be the persons responsible for a flood of spurious silver coin which had been passed on merchants on the upper and lower East Side and in Harlem during the past four or five weeks.

In the room of the woman, Elizabeth Bomber, in East Fourth street, the police discovered a very complete counterfeiting outfit and several hundred counterfeit half dollars and dimes. The other prisoners were Frank Schleiman and John Miller.

CHAPMAN HELD

HE WAS A WELL KNOWN ARTIST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Mystery marks the story of Elwood W. Chapman, 75 years old, an inmate of the Polyclinic hospital in Westchester. Up to the time of his admission to the institution, Chapman lived as a recluse amid valuable paintings of his own and a quantity of antique furniture in an old mansion owned by the city in a remote section of Pelham Bay Park.

Chapman was found ill in the old mansion. After his removal to the hospital a young man named Eugene McClure was arrested for taking pictures and furniture from the house. This incident brought to light the fact that Chapman had been in his early days a prominent marine and landscape artist and at one time was a member of the military staff of Former Governor Wise of Virginia.

When McClure was arraigned Henry Wise, a lawyer, appeared on behalf of Chapman, as prosecutor. Wise says that he is a grandson of the former Virginia governor, upon whose staff Chapman served. Many years ago Chapman became estranged from his wife and friends in Virginia and dropped out of sight.

FOLEYS HONEY AND TAR

Cures Colds; Prevents Pneumonia

KILLED HIMSELF

BOSTON LAW SCHOOL STUDENT COMMITTED SUICIDE.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The body of Maurice L. Burnee, 24 years old, a student at the Boston University Law school, was found in a room at the Hotel Rexford late last night. A bullet wound was in the right temple and a revolver was clenched in his right hand.

Burnee lived with his parents and sisters at 74 Allen street. He had expected to be graduated last June, but failed to pass the examinations and returned to school again this fall. Saturday he gave a package to his sister and told her not to open it until Sunday night when she would receive a surprise. Last night the girl opened the package and found a note from her brother in which he said that he was discouraged and had resolved to end his life. The police of the West End station were notified and a few moments later word came to the station from the Hotel Rexford that Burnee had killed himself in his room.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

MRS. TOM THUMB AT THE CASTO.

Manager Haynes has prepared an excellent program for the present week at the Casto theatre and it is headed by the talented miniature artists Mrs. Tom Thumb, Count and Baron Magri in their bright and witty comedy entitled "Two Strings to Her Bow" which contains many witty lines and humorous situations. The remainder of the program contains all star comedy acts. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.

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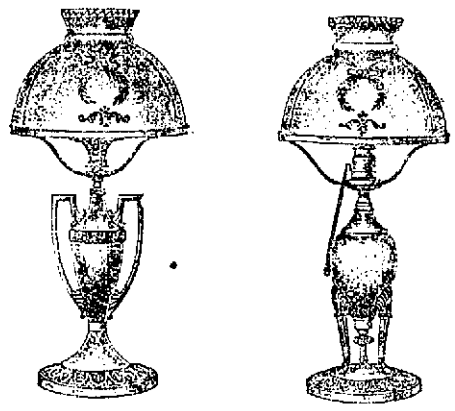

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FACTORY BURNED

Two Men Injured at Worcester Fire

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 19.—Fire this forenoon consumed the annex of the Bradley car factory near the Union railroad station here. Two workmen were badly burned by an explosion that caused the fire. The building burned was about 40 by 80 feet and contained considerable lumber and finishing used in car building. The loss is estimated at about $10,000.

C. N. Anderson, one of two men in the hospital, is severely burned but it is believed he will recover. The other, J. E. Sanley, was less seriously injured.

FUNERALS

MITCHELL—The funeral of the late Peter Mitchell took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his residence, 39 Fourth avenue, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, including a delegation of 60 employes of the local division of the Boston & Northern street railway, of which the deceased was an employe for many years past. The bearers were Thomas Boyle, William Hill and William Mahoney of the Boston & Northern, and Michael McDermott, Daniel Wholey and Patrick McGrath representing the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church. The floral offerings were numerous and included a large mound on base inscribed "His Last Trip, 11.02," from the employes of the Boston & Northern; large pillow inscribed "Father," from the children; spray from passenger friends on the Varnum avenue route; spray, Miss Katherine Maguire; wreath, Mrs. Peter McGauvran and family; spray, friends at Pickering hosiery; and spray from Mrs. A. Allard. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons had charge.

SANDERS—The funeral of Edgar R. Sanders was held from his late residence, 67 Cambridge street, yesterday afternoon. There were large delegations present from the Odd Fellows and from the Boston & Maine trainmen. Mr. Sanders had been on the B. & M. for the past 20 years, having passed the various positions and recently was promoted to conductor. The numerous and beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which he was held by his associates. Among them were: "The Gates Ajar," surmounted by a clock dial with the hands at 8 o'clock, that being the last train that he ran; the Reading Odd Fellows, three links; pillow, the Brotherhood of Trainmen; wreath, Dr. Charles B. Sanders and family, and numerous sprays.

The services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Fisher, and the quartet of the First Universalist church, of which Mr. Sanders was a constant attendant. The bearers were: Ed. Dalton, Paul McDonald, Mr. Willoughby and Fred Ware. The interment was in the Edson cemetery.

Undertaker Currier had charge.

MARQUIS—The funeral of Mrs. William Marquis took place Saturday from her residence, Dracut Navy Yard. Funeral services were held at 8 o'clock at St. Louis's church, Rev. Fr. Jacques officiating. The bearers were Joseph Sabourin, Julien Boucher, Joseph Rondeau and Elzear Noel. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Jacques officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

RAPSON—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza E. Rapson was held Saturday afternoon from her home in South Lowell and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Rev. Mr. Riggs was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were William Croft, Alfred Chapman, Richard Howe and Harry Shedd. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck had charge.

NUTTING—The funeral services of Mrs. Susan E. Nutting were held yesterday afternoon at her home in Westford. The body will be sent this morning to Bristol, Vt., for burial by Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

DEATHS

BORG—Mr. Thomas E. Borg, aged 28, died at his home, 55 Rea street, yesterday. Deceased leaves a wife, one son and three brothers and a sister. He was a member of Pentucket lodge of Masons, Ahasuerus council of Royal Select Masters, Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter and Pilgrim Commandery, Knights of Templars.

FELLOWS—Mr. James Marcus Fellows, son of the late James K. Fellows, died at the residence of Mr. Horace B. Coburn, 275 Andover street, Saturday, after a short illness. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Deceased was a life long resident of Lowell, having been born and brought up in this city. He received his early education in the public schools of the city and later entered Westford academy from which he was graduated. Later he entered the Mutual Redemption bank of Boston as clerk and several years ago resigned this position and took charge of his father's property. Mr. Fellows was 55 years old at the time of his death.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Horace B. Coburn and Mrs. George A. Hill of this city and Mrs. Charles S. Gowen of New York.

CHURCHILL — Mrs. Athaliuda Churchill, widow of Moses Churchill, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Weinbeck in Wentworth avenue, this morning, shortly after midnight, aged 73 years and six months. She had been ill about a week. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Maryett Nason of California; Mrs. Lydia F. Chaney and Mrs. Emily L. Trask, both of this city. She was an old resident of Lowell, having lived here upwards of 60 years. She was a member of the Grace Universalist church.

PERSONALS

A few weeks ago Miss Louise Carpenter, a handsome little miss of Thompson, Conn., came here to visit her aunt, Mrs. Long of Summer street, and taking ill last wek, her father, Mr. John T. Carpenter, came here to see her. Mr. Carpenter will be remembered as the former superintendent of Hood's Farm. He is now superintendent of a very large farm at Thompson, Conn. Yesterday he visited Hood's Farm and was pleasantly entertained by Mr. Hood and Manager Dodge. Mr. Carpenter when located here was very popular, and during his stay he is being warmly welcomed by many of his former employes at the farm as well as numerous friends throughout this city.

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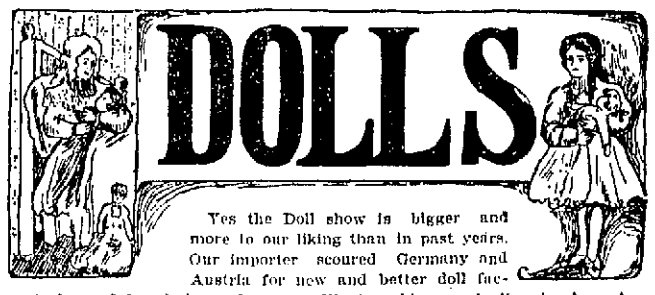
MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT



Yes the Doll show is bigger and more to our liking than in past years. Our importer scoured Germany and Austria for new and better doll factories and found them of course. We buy his sample line in August when he's done with it. That's why this season's dollies are different than ever before, prettier, better dressed. Much more for your money of course. Our dolls are a third and more less than the regular prices.

Dressed Dolls, 25c to $8.00. Clothed in silks and muslins, with picture hats to match, light and dark natural hair; also Sleeping Dolls.

AT 50c—Our special—16 inches tall, jointed, with pretty gown, stockings and slippers, worth $1.00.

Kid Dolls—Jointed at hips, knee and arms, beautiful faces, natural hair and sleeping ..... 50c to $2.50

Rag Dolls ..... 25c, 50c to $2.50

Baby Dolls with long dresses ..... 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00

PALMER STREET—REAR.

The Toy Shop

Come down here with the boy and first he'll steer you for the Printing Presses or Typewriters. The first a miniature reproduction of the new Automatic Rotary Press—by which this paper is printed—designed for practical printing. Price $3.50 to $6.00. See the demonstration yourself. The second is a nicely finished machine that will not get out of order. Will write a good business letter or anything you wish. Will even help a child to learn his letters. It's called the Simplex. Price $1.00 to $5.00. See how it goes.

Of course the Girls will start for the Doll Houses and Furniture, Blackboards, etc. We've the sort of Toys here that educate as well as interest.

SLEDS FOR BOYS 59c, 79c, $1.00, $1.15, $1.50, $1.69

SLEDS FOR GIRLS 50c, 59c, 65c, 89c, $1.00, $1.15, $1.39

SHOO FLIES, ROCKING HORSES, CARTS AND WAGONS, DRUMS, ETC.

MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT

UMBRELLAS

Easy choosing from our tremendous assortment, nought more appreciated than an Umbrella. Nearly 2000 to choose from in the ..... $1.50, $2.00 and $3.00 PRICES

Others for Men and Women from ..... 98c to $15.00

Children's, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.25. Engraving free.

WEST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Gifts of Linen Things

Some times as a last resort you say "a pair of Towels." Try them the first thing and see how Linen Gifts are appreciated. We have 100 dozen All Linen Towels, hemstitched or fringed, all white or with colored borders, were 39c, only ..... 25c Each

75 dozen Damask Towels, snow white, extra quality, were 69c, only ..... 50c Each

25 dozen Extra Fine Damask Towels, satin finish, usually sold at $1.00, only ..... 75c Each

Lots of Tray Cloths, Bureau Scarfs, etc., etc., are here at under prices.

PALMER STREET—LEFT AISLE.

Muslin Underwear

Purely a woman's gift. Dainty, attractive and always welcome. We're offering Special Values for Christmas gifts.

FOR 59c—Dainty Corset Cover, worth 98c.

FOR 98c—Elaborately Trimmed Corset Covers, worth $1.50.

Night Gowns, from ..... 98c to $5.00

White Skirts ..... $1.98 to $5.00

Matched Sets ..... $5.00 to $10.00

Some beautiful Imported Gowns and Chemises ..... $3.98 to $10.00

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Blankets, etc.

Somebody would rather have a Blanket given them and build a Wrapper or Bath Robe to suit themselves. Here's a grand good assortment, all new designs and combinations, all wool of course ..... $3.75, $4.50, $5.00 and $6.00

The regular "Warm-for-the-Winter" Blankets ..... $1.98 to $10.00 a Pair

Down Puffs ..... $5.00 to $17.00 Each

PALMER STREET—BASEMENT.

Special Holiday Values in Rugs and Draperies

100 All Wool Smyrna Rugs at ..... $1.69, $2.49 and $3.98

These prices are about 1-3 under price.

Wilton Carpet Sample Rug, usually $1.98, only $1.49

Couch Covers, usually $7.50, only $5.98

60-inch Washable Couch Covers, worth $1.69, only 98c

5000 yards New Art Silk Remnants for Pillows, Mantle Draperies and Scarfs, usually 75c and $1.00, only ..... 39c Yard

Ruffled Muslin Curtains, usually 49c, only ..... 25c a Pair

Colored Cross Stripe Curtains for dining rooms, dens or cosy corners ..... 98c, $1.25 and $1.50

$6.00 Portiers, only ..... $4.49 a Pair

$10.00 Portieres, only ..... $7.50 a Pair

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Fancy Back Combs

Like a man with his neckties, a lady can't have too many. We've a pretty assortment of gift combs.

Shell with plain or polished and beaded mounts ..... $1.25 to $2.25 Each

Shell with gold filigree work, jeweled veronique, rose and Roman finishes, $1.98 to $6.00

Amber, white and clear, in plain and fancy mounts, pretty for light hair, $1.25 to $4.50

WEST SECTION—RIGHT AISLE.

A. G. Pollard & Co.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets

LOST ONCE MORE

Another Defeat Chalked Up Against Lowell

HAVERHILL STILL HOLDS LEAD IN LEAGUE

The First Game in Associate Hall

HAVERHILL, Dec. 19—Haverhill defeated Lowell at basketball Saturday night in the closest game of the season, 33 to 26. In the first period the locals scored 22 to 3 for Lowell, but after that were outplayed. Davy did some fine work for Lowell, securing a number of difficult baskets. Lew played a great floor game and Williamson led in baskets for the locals. The summary:

HAVERHILL.	LOWELL
Williamson rf	lb W. Lees
Kennedy, Doyle lf	rb Davy
Wachter c	c L. Lees
Haggerty rb	lf Mathews
Lew lb	rf Leighton

Score, Haverhill 33, Lowell 26. Goals from floor, Kennedy 3, Haggerty 3, Wachter 3, Williamson 4, Lew, Mathews 3, Davy 6, Leighton. Goals from fouls, Haverhill 5, Lowell 6. Referee, Pickard. Timers, Driscoll and F. Gray. Time three 10m periods. Attendance 800.

FR. MATHEW 43, LOWELL C. M. A. C. 15

AMESBURY, Dec. 19—The Fr. Mathew basketball team defeated the strong C. M. A. C. team of Lowell, 43 to 15, at Town hall Saturday night. The visitors, though putting up one of the swiftest games played against the Mathews this season, were unable to check the home team in its goal-getting. The features were the goals secured by Flanagan, Hetherman and Leonard from near center of floor. The summary:

FR. MATHEWS	C. M. A. C.
Leonard rf	lb Morin
Cloutier lf	rb Wernett
Hetherman c	c Barrett
Flanagan rb	lf Frechett
Finnerty lb	rf Lavalley

Score—Fr. Mathews 43, C. M. A. C. 15. Goals from floor, Leonard 5, Cloutier 2, Hetherman 5, Flanagan 2, Finnerty 5, Lavalley 3, Frechett, Barrett 2. Goals from fouls, Hetherman 5, Frechett 2½. Referees, O'Brien and Lucier alternating. Scorer, Herrion. Timer, Doran. Time 20m. halves. Attendance 450.

LOWELL H. S. 17, NASHUA H. S. 12.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 19—The Lowell high school basketball team defeated the local high school team at the gym hall Saturday evening by a score of 17 to 12 in a well-played game. Superior passing gave the visitors a lead in the first period that could not be overcome. The summary:

LOWELL.	NASHUA
Richards lf	rf Hammond
Lew rf	lf Griswold
Farley c	c Lawrence
Quinlan rg	lg Avery
Ames rg	rg French
Scribner lg	rg Rogers

Score—Lowell 17, Nashua 12. Goals from floor, Avery 2, Rogers 2, Griswold, Hammond, Richards 2, Farley 2, Lew 2, Ames. Baskets on fouls, Richards 2, Farley. Referee, Hull. Timer, Hunt. Time 20m halves.

HAVERHILL IN LEAD.

Haverhill carried off the honors in the New England basketball league last week by defeating Lowell and Amesbury two games each. At present the Haverhill aggregation is making a runaway race for the pennant. Capt. Kennedy had got his players nerved to the highest pitch and every player is working hard to hand the flag to Haverhill.

Natick is coming along fast, and tonight will have a real test of the team's ability when she meets Haverhill at Natick. Natick is carrying five players as Deal has gone back to Philadelphia, while Kinkaide, who was called home on account of his father's illness, will not report until Dec. 22. Neither Haverhill nor Natick have lost a home game, and Capt. Kennedy of the leaders says that Natick will lose its first home game tonight.

Newburyport's clever work has given her third place, Lowell dropping into fourth. Amesbury still brings up the rear. The standing of the teams is as follows:

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Haverhill	10	4	.833
Natick	14	6	.700
Newburyport	9	10	.471
Lowell	9	12	.429
Amesbury	5	15	.250

GAMES THIS WEEK.

Monday—Haverhill at Natick and Amesbury at Newburyport.
Tuesday—Newburyport at Amesbury and Natick at Lowell.
Wednesday—Natick at Haverhill.
Thursday—Newburyport at Lowell.
Friday—Haverhill at Newburyport and Lowell at Amesbury.
Saturday—Amesbury at Haverhill and Lowell at Natick.

Now for Associate hall and a larger attendance.

Things will be evened up with Natick tomorrow night.

Haverhill is the surprise of the season. The Natick people cannot figure out why Connie Driscoll's team has the lead over Natick.

The band will be out tomorrow night and will play "Hiawatha" when Mayor-elect Casey tosses the ball into the cage.

Bill Kelliher is playing in the Connecticut league. Quinley and Devlin would fit in nicely in this league of ours but they cannot be coaxed.

We had a bad run of it last week, but Toby Matthews says that the boys will turn the trick this week all right.

ON THE ALLEYS

FINISHERS AND PACKERS PLAYED GOOD GAME.

The Finishers and Packers of the Merrimack Mfg. Co. had it out on the Les Miserables alleys Saturday with the result that the former team won by a score of 1256 to 1238. The score:

FINISHERS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Farrell, (Capt.)	97	97	86	280
Judd	90	68	80	278
Armistead	108	83	76	267
Henderson	84	83	93	260
Duffer	73	83	85	241
Totals	422	414	420	1256

PACKERS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Harrington (Capt.)	64	87	70	221
Welch	80	82	97	259
Hourke	107	91	83	281
Cranfield	81	74	75	230
McAdams	85	83	79	247
Totals	411	417	410	1238

CROCODILES WON.

Quite a large crowd of the Y. M. C. A. members gathered Saturday evening to witness the bowlball contest between the Crocodiles and Buffaloes, in which the former won by 37 pins. Tomorrow night's game will be between the Kangaroos and Porcupines. The score:

CROCODILES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
F. E. Atkinson (Capt.)	126	155	107	388
W. Howell	115	130	124	369
V. H. Meister	121	122	126	369
W. J. Lee	109	94	97	300
J. Eastman	128	101	134	363
Totals	599	605	585	1789

BUFFALOES.

	1	2	3	T'tl
A. B. Hobbs (Capt.)	122	128	140	390
C. McDonald	125	107	135	367
J. E. Donohue	101	87	126	314
John Grant	110	123	104	337
W. N. Sherwell, sub.	133	118	123	374
Totals	591	563	628	1782

Spares—Hobbs 2, Sherwell 2, Atkinson, Donohue, Eastman, Howell and Meister.

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

THAWING THE PIPES

SET FIRE TO THE HOUSE ON LAKEVIEW AVENUE.

An alarm from box 28 shortly before 12 o'clock yesterday summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in a house at 305 Lakeview avenue caused by an attempt to thaw out water pipes.

It was evident to the firemen that somebody had been trying to thaw out water pipes and had set adjoining woodwork on fire during the process. The lower part of the building is occupied by Owen Nerney, a grocer. The building belongs to the Percy Parker estate and the damage was slight.

F. C. Church carried the insurance on the building.

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA

MAN HAD TAKEN TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 19.—Horace Hoffman, son of a wealthy citizen of Burke county, died at his home near Morganton, yesterday of hydrophobia. Hoffman and his brother both were bitten November 8. They went to Baltimore and were three weeks at a hospital, returning home a few days ago. Saturday the symptoms of rabies developed in the younger brother, and death in a violent form ensued yesterday. The elder brother as yet has manifested no signs of the disease.

CUTTING AFFRAY

THREE GREEKS ARE IN THE HOSPITAL.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 19—Three Greeks are in the hospital with serious razor wounds, and three others are badly cut as the result of a general cutting affray at the rooms of Nicholas and Peter Lenardos at 22 Berkley street last night. The Lenardos brothers are under arrest charged with assault.

Peter Meous and Anthony Blacus were the most seriously injured. It is not thought that the wounds will prove fatal.

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ALL COMEDY ACTS
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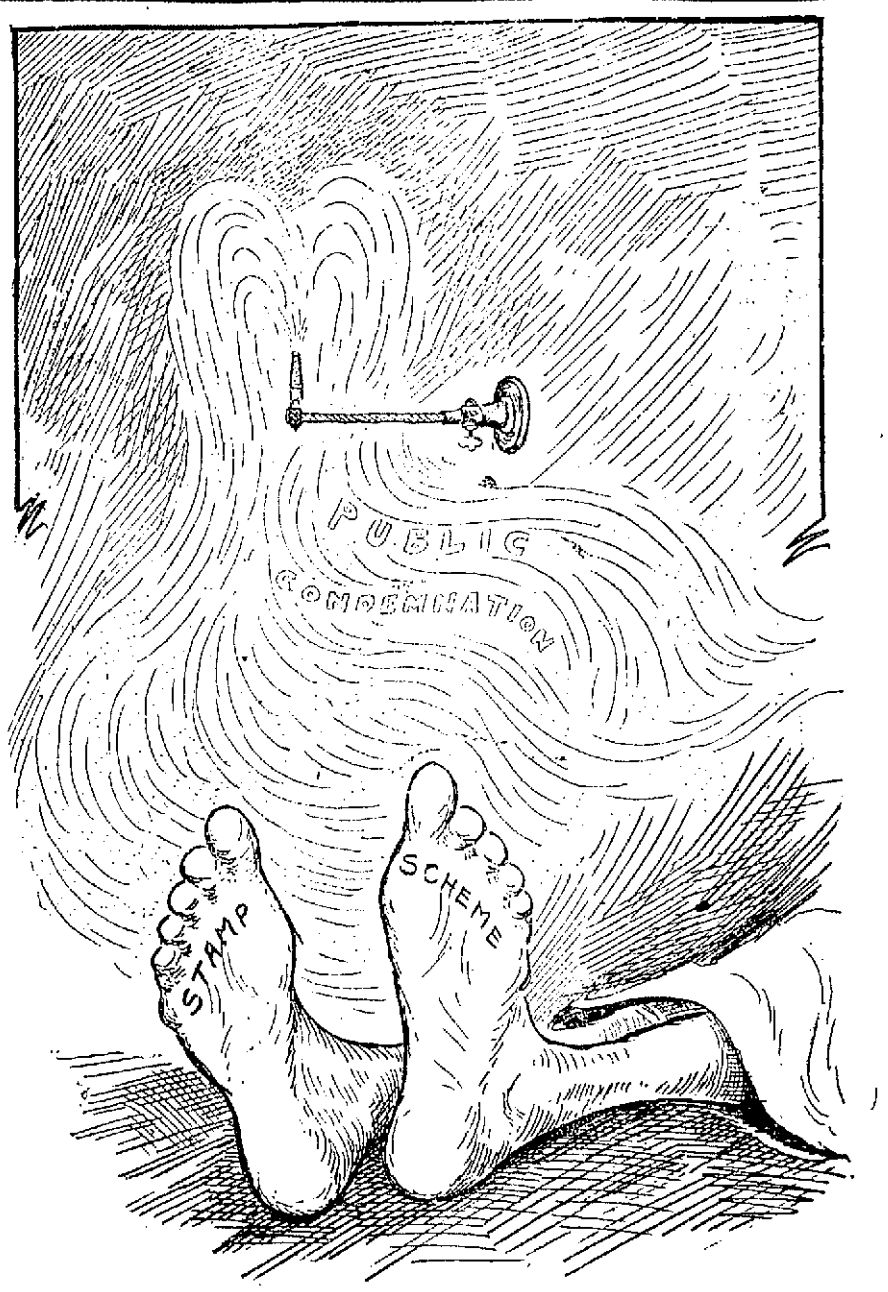
Free Ticket with every purchase of $5 or more at Bon Marche Store.



ANOTHER BAD CASE OF ASPHYXIATION.

BOXING GOSSIP

Outside of the match between Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt, which is to be decided at San Francisco next Tuesday night, and which is practically for the lightweight championship of the world, the most absorbing question just now is as to how Jim Jeffries is going to treat the sweeping deft of Marvin Hart, the young heavyweight of Louisville. Hart is now on the Pacific Coast, waiting to hear from the champion. Jeffries is always willing to fight as long as there is a logical candidate in the field. In a way, Hart appears to be a good opponent for the boilermaker, but it would be advisable for Hart to meet and defeat a few men of reputation in his class before assuming to meet Jeffries.

Some time ago Hart was willing to try his skill with Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight, of San Francisco. Before Hart left Louisville he declared that all his Southern prejudices against meeting a colored man were thrown to the winds. He said that nothing would please him better than a contest with Johnson, as he realized that by whipping Johnson he would be in a better position to command recognition from Jeffries. Now it is said, Hart has balked on a match with Johnson, and that nothing short of a $1,000,000 purse will induce him to swap blows with the big, dusky hued pugilist from the Golden Gate city. Just why Hart should assume his present front is not clear.

There must be something in Johnson's fighting make-up that has scared all of the white fighters thus far. Jeffries does not want any part of him; now Hart says he will have none of him, too. Perhaps some one has given Hart a bit of fatherly advice about Johnson's fistic ability. Every manager of heavyweights has a respect somehow for this husky black fighter and will not let his protegee take a chance. It is true that Johnson has a fine record and has never been knocked out. But in appearance he is not so formidable or ferocious looking that all those in his class should avoid him. Johnson has whipped Frank Childs, Joe Kennedy, Jack Jeffries, brother of the champion; Fred Russell, "Denver Ed" Martin, Big Sam McVey, Joe Butler, Pete Everitt and others. The only men who have made an even break with him are Joe Choynski, Hank Griffin and Ferguson. Johnson's record is all the more remarkable because he has only been fighting about four years.

Buy your gifts at Oriental Bazaar.

FIRE IN CHURCH

THE LOSS WILL AMOUNT TO $900.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 19—A fire in the basement of St. Marie's Church at McGregorville, last evening, damaged the interior $900. A lighted taper fell on the altar draperies. The fire broke through the flooring above, destroying a side altar and damaging the main altar. The altars had just been decorated by an artist from Montreal.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 981 Gorham street.

LYDIA DARRAH CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The regular meeting of Lydia Darrah chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held Saturday night instead of Saturday afternoon owing to the exercises held at Dracut in the afternoon. The subject of the meeting was the Pilgrims and after the business session the program given was as follows: Piano selection, Miss Ella Prescott; paper on "The Pilgrims," Mrs. L. K. Sprague; an extract from speech of Senator Hoar, on the story of the Pilgrims, from the Bradford history; solo, "The Breaking Waves Dashed High," Mrs. Cornelius F. Callahan; reading, "The Pilgrim's Vision," Mrs. Arthur Burgess; violin solo, Miss Gertrude Flint Frisbie.

Oriental Bazaar, 200 Merrimack st.

REV. SMITH T. FORD

Has Decided to Go to Chicago

HAS ACCEPTED CALL TO CHURCH THERE

His Letter of Resignation Read Yesterday

Rev. Smith Thomas Ford, D. D., has decided to accept the call to the Englewood Baptist church of Chicago. At the close of the morning service at the First Baptist church, yesterday, Rev. Dr. Ford formally tendered his resignation. His flock was not unprepared for the news of his resignation because it was told them that he had decided to accept the call. There were those, however, who still cherished the hope that he would decide to remain in Lowell. His resignation will take effect the last of next month.

After reading his letter of resignation the pastor had a little heart to heart talk with the people to whose spiritual wants he had administered for eight years or thereabouts. He thanked them for the great kindness that had been extended him and for the co-operation and good will with which his suggestions met. He hoped that the church would continue to prosper and that his successor would meet with the same kindness and sympathy as he had met with. His letter of resignation:

December 18, 1904.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the First Baptist Church, Lowell, Mass.:

After long and prayerful consideration, and under firm conviction that I am doing right, I beg to present my resignation of the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Lowell, Mass.

The eight and one-half years I have spent with you have been happy years of service, and with your support and the blessing of God, they have been marked by great success. You have given me your love and confidence in fullest measure. I have given you the utmost of my strength and devotion. I think we all look with a reasonable degree of satisfaction upon what has been accomplished during these years. A remodeled church building, dedicated free of debt, the financial condition most satisfactory, and about 650 added to the church, making the present membership of the church over 1200. This has been accomplished only by unabated zeal, union of effort and large giving.

You are in a position to do splendid work under the leadership of some man of God, whom I trust you will be divinely guided to select as your pastor; and I shall ever be solicitous for the welfare of this church.

I bear away no scars of conflict. I hope I have caused no heart to ache. I go to assume great responsibilities as pastor of the Englewood Baptist church of Chicago. I am sure my longings will not be disappointed that I shall be sustained by your effectual prayers.

I desire that this resignation shall take effect the last of January, 1905.

Yours in Christian love,
SMITH THOMAS FORD.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

The annual Christmas concert in the vestry of the Grace Universalist church last evening was perhaps one of the best of its kind that has ever been given by the young people of this church. Every number was rendered in an artistic and highly pleasing manner.

Dr. Taylor, superintendent of the Sunday school, had general charge of the arrangements, and to his untiring efforts last evening's success is largely due. Among those who took part in solo parts were: Erwin Smith, Constance Hilton, Florence and Gertrude Weinbeck, Dorothy Burdick, Dorothy Lyman, Ruth Davis, Edna Lofthouse, Florence Bixby, Esther Stickney, Clara Shay and Hazel Brown. Besides these there were choruses, class numbers and primary and intermediate department numbers. The music was led by Mr. Wilberly and accompanists were Miss Maude Marshall and Miss Edwards. The children who took part in the program were tutored by Miss E. A. Stillings.

ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

At the First Congregational church last evening the Union Missionary meeting was attended by a very large number of people from all the Congregational churches in the city. Seldom or ever has there been a more fervent or enthusiastic meeting. The preacher of the occasion was the Rev. Robert Hume, D. D., who spoke on Indian missions.

The pastors taking part in the services were the Revs. J. M. Greene, D. D., George E. Martin, D. D., and the Rev. E. R. Smith.

MEN'S MEETING AT THE CASTO.

The men's meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Casto Theatre yesterday afternoon was a great success, for there were fully 600 men present and considering the storm this was a very excellent showing. Outside the address of the afternoon the especial feature of the meeting was perhaps the appearance of the Alabama Jubilee Singers. These artists certainly captivated the large number of men present by the manner in which they rendered several of the old southern plantation melodies. Their rich intonations rarely heard in this part of the country were certainly worth braving the storm to hear.

The speaker of the afternoon was the Rev. Arthur P. Wedge pastor of the Worthen Street Baptist church and his subject was a "Gilt Edged Investment," which he treated in an up to date manner. During the course of his remarks the reverend speaker referred to the recent Chadwick scandal, which has occupied the attention of the entire country for the past month. The speaker went on to say what a revelation it was to find out this startling news and how many of us laugh at the men who were duped yet the world is so greedy to get rich quick that it grabs at almost anything that gives any promise of rendering rich returns with little outlay and with scarcely any investigation as to their real merit. He did not mean to say that there were no gilt edged securities, neither was he an alarmist even if Tom Lawson was rapping the "system" and telling about the Massachusetts Legislature. He believes that there are yet honest men in the world and right here in Lowell he could find a great number. I come to you this afternoon as a promoter and claim for my company that it is the oldest, has the largest number of stockholders and has never missed a dividend. The leader of this company offers you a share in it. Another attractive feature is the stock itself which if you invest gives you a character. Now comes the question what is the cost of the stock to you and to me? There will be some unhappy homes this Christmas because of the fluctuations on Wall street last week. Men who invested their all have had it swept away and are left penniless. Our company asks for no more than any other. We ask for you all. What about the gilt edged part of this investment? Can the president make good his claim? Why does this captain offer stock in this company? Because he wants to make $4,000,000 a week? No, because the captain loves you and wants you to have the very best. Far beyond any word we can give or any promise a preacher can make the president will make good anything we can offer."

BRANCH STREET TABERNACLE.

The pastor of the Branch Street Tabernacle, the Rev. Asa Reed Dilts, preached an eloquent sermon on the subject "Does Death End All?" at the Sunday evening service.

The speaker impressed upon his hearers that there was something after death. The especial feature at these services is the very beautiful musical program given every Sunday evening.

CENTRALVILLE M. E. CHURCH.

At the Centralville M. E. church yesterday morning the Rev. E. P. Herrick delivered a very eloquent sermon upon the text: "Turn, oh, backsliding children". Mr. Cyrus Johnson sang by request, "The Plains of Peace", in fine voice.

At night the pastor, Rev. F. M. Pickles preached on Elijah at Mt. Carmel, 1 Kings 18: 41-45, the subject being "Lessons on Prayer". A deep interest prevailed in the service. The singing was unusually fine and well supported by the orchestra.

CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH.

Evangelist Deveau delivered a forcible discourse at the Central Methodist church Sunday morning, his text was "Will a man rob God?" The speaker said that God's word put many questions to us. He dwelt at some length upon the question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

BOURKE COCKRAN

MADE ATTACK ON SYSTEM OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 19—Before an audience of nearly 1800 people, who assembled in the New Rochelle Theatre yesterday afternoon to hear a joint debate under the auspices of the People's Forum, on the question, "Should Religious Instruction Be Given in the Public Schools?" Congressman W. Bourke Cockran of New York attacked the system of public instruction in the state, and said it was not Christian, but agnostic. He declared the public schools were rapidly becoming the poor schools, and that every day the withdrawal of the rich was increasing.

There is a letter at this office for James A. Powers.

Asthma Can Be Cured

The statement of Mr. J. F. Homan, 20 E. Adams St., Chicago, proves that the worst cases of Asthma in the world are not only relieved, but are readily cured by Dr. Schiffmann's Asthma Cure. He says: "Asthma kept me in terrible misery for ten years until I used your Asthma Cure. After the first trial I was a changed man. I went to sleep that night and awoke next day much relieved and I have gotten entirely over the Asthma. It is now nine years since I was cured."

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HERE IS TODAY'S PROGRAM:

—AFTERNOON—
1 March, "Dawn of Peace," Pierson
2 Waltzes, "My Lady Peggy," Nugent
3 Two-Step, "A Swell Affair," Colburne
4 Overture, "Northern Lights," Weidt
5 Song Waltz, "Tell Me With Your Eyes," A. Von Tilzer
6 Two-Step, "The Goo Goo Man," from "Isle of Spice," Schindler-Jerome
7 Selection, "Winsome Winnie," Rawkin-Kerker
8 Waltzes, "Cupid's Glance," Eno
9 Two-Step, "Waupausch," Chepel
(Intermission 10 minutes.)
10 Song Waltz, "Somebody's Waiting for Me," Chattaway
11 Overture, "Treasures," Mohl
12 Two-Step, "Kawkwa Club," Kuehler
13 Gavotte Elegante, "Affaire D'Amond," Palmer
14 Waltzes, "Ramona," Alstyne
15 Song Schottische, "By the Watermelon Vine," Allen
16 Two-Step, "The Guest of Honor," Kendall
Helen Louise Eaton, leader.

—EVENING—
1 March, "The Oshkosh Chief," Farrand
2 Song Waltz, "She, the Pride and Pet of the Lane," Chattaway
3 Two-Step, "Vanity Girl," Kuehler
4 Reverie, "Apple Blossoms," Roberts
5 Waltzes, "The Myriad Dancer," Allen
6 Overture, "Lustspiel," Keler Bela
7 Two-Step, "Laces and Graces," Salzer-Bratton
8 Caprice, "Venetian Beauty," Rolfe
(Intermission 10 minutes.)
9 Two-Step, "Under the American Eagle," Ellis
10 Waltzes, "Treasure Trove," Whiting
11 Selection, "Three Little Maids," Rubens
12 Two-Step, "The Marconigram," Allen
13 A Novelty, "Sunburst," Gilder
14 Song Waltz, "A Kiss for Each Day in the Week," Smith
15 Two-Step, "Hello Belles," Frantzen
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HAND TUB DAYS

How the Fire Department Was Conducted

"Lowell Fire Department, 1857-72" is the title of an old book which I happened to pick from a table in Chief Hosmer's office at the central fire station the other day. The book contained the annual reports of the fire department from 1857 up to and including 1872. The contents of the book proved to be very interesting inasmuch as they gave a good chance to compare the fire department of half a century ago with that of the present day.

Weare Clifford was chief engineer in 1857. In his report which included from April 1, 1857, to March 31, 1858, he stated that the department had been called out 66 times, there having been 38 fires, in the city, 25 false alarms and three alarms originating out of the city. The fact that nearly half of the alarms were false may seem very peculiar to the people of the present day, but in those days when a person discovered a fire he shouted "Fire" at the top of his voice and the word was passed around until some bell ringer heard it and then the bells were tolled and the firemen had to hunt for the fire.

The last paragraph in Chief Clifford's report read: "The engine houses are all in good condition. Engines Nos. 1 and 5, with the hose carriage belonging to Ocean Hydrant Co., will require painting and varnishing the present year."

The roster of the department in '57 included one chief engineer and seven assistants and the following companies: Excelsior Engine Co., No. 1, Central street, 41 members; Rocket Engine Co., No. 2, Ayers' New City, have no house (volunteer company not obliged to attend fires in the city); Wamesit Engine Co., No. 3, Warren street, 41 members; Merrimack Engine Co., No. 4, Colburn street, 50 members; Tiger Engine Co., No. 5, Race street, 41 members; Mazeppa Engine Co., No. 10, Fayette street, 41 members; Torrent Engine Co., No. 12, Middlesex street 41 members; Deluge Engine Co., No 14 Bleachery street, 39 members; Franklin Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Middle street, 41 members; and Ocean Hydrant Co., No. 1, Warren street, 15 members.

In connection with the list of members of each company was a description of the different engines and carriages, all of which were hauled with the assistance of long ropes by the firemen. The different companies each had from 700 to 1500 feet of hose and in each instance about half of the hose was considered unreliable.

Lowell at that time boasted of 16,954 feet of water pipe laid throughout the city and 78 hydrants, all of which were located near the centre of the city. The form of making out the annual list of fires was rather crude and proved very interesting reading. On Sunday, April 19, at 11¼ p.m. a fire was discovered in a stable in Lewis street. Neither the loss nor insurance was known. A dwelling house adjoining was considerably damaged. The next few paragraphs read as follows:

"6—A little later—A stable in the rear of Conner's meal store on Merrimack street was discovered to be on fire. Easily extinguished.

"7—Still later—Fire was found in the attic of Castles block on Lowell street the property of J. W. Barker of Methuen. Roof destroyed.

"8—Simultaneously with the latter—A shanty on Adams street was entirely consumed.

"These fires were undoubtedly the work of an incendiary."

Among the members of Wamesit Engine Co., No. 3, was Edward Hosmer, aged 21 years, silversmith, residing at 1 Livermore street, who is chief of the local fire department at the present time, though Chief Hosmer had been running with the Fire King since 1852, the headquarters of that tub at that time being where Conant's stable is located in Central street today. While Chief Hosmer was running with the Fire King, which was a volunteer company at that time, he assisted in extinguishing the fire which burned all of the buildings from the corner of Dutton and Fletcher streets to the corner of Cushing and Fletcher streets in 1856.

In the report of 1859 appears the name of James F. Norton, 21, gas fitter, Lowell street, who is now the assistant chief of the local fire department, he having been connected with the volunteer Excelsior company since 1855.

Among the many peculiar causes for alarms of fire during different years are the following:

Thursday, June 3, 7 p. m., 1858—Alarm occasioned by the ringing of the court house bell.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m.—Alarm occasioned by the brilliancy of the Northern lights.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 1859, evening—At about 8 an alarm was spread. It was occasioned by lights used by the workmen in the canal.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 p.m., same year—An alarm called out the whole department. It originated in a fire in Billerica.

Thursday evening, Dec. 15—A cry of fire arising from a report that fire had again broken out in the ruins of the Parker block. It proved to be a false report.

Sept. 22, 1861, 2 a.m.—The old Tavern stand and buildings adjoining in the middle of the town of Chelmsford were burnt. A portion of the department went up and played on the ruins.

Nov. 2, 1861, 8.30 p. m.—An alarm was occasioned by the accidental ringing of the alarm bell.

Dec. 29, 1861, 4.30 p.m.—Fire was discovered in the guard house at Camp Chase. It was totally destroyed, together with a small stable.

May 26, 1862, 10 a. m.—The alarm bell rang, not in consequence of a fire, but to call the volunteer militia together at the armories.

August 16, 1862, 6.30 p. m.—The fire department was called out by the ringing of the alarm bell for the war meeting.

May 13, 1863—Fire broke out in the picker room of the Eagle mills at West Chelmsford, owned by several gentlemen in this city. There being no means at hand to extinguish the flames, word was sent to this city for an engine and steamer Game Cock, No. 2, was sent up by railroad and rendered good service.

Among the big fires which occurred during the time which is covered by the book are the following: Fire in Norcross, Saunders & Co.'s saw mill, Oct. 28, 1858, loss $27,000.

Jan. 6, 1863—Fire in Suffolk mills, loss $20,000.

July 21, 1863—Fire occasioned by explosion of boiler at 82 Middle street. By this terrible accident five men were killed and several others injured. The loss was about $13,000.

April 20, 1864—Destructive fire at the Wamesit mills, loss $40,000.

July 17, 1864—Destructive fire in Ayer's City. Tannery and buildings connected with it totally destroyed. Two dwelling houses adjoining were also totally destroyed, the loss amounting to over $100,000.

Sept. 17, 1865—Destructive fires at Wentworth building, loss $14,740.

June 25, 1867—Fire in bedstead factory in Broadway, loss $49,000.

May 27, 1869—Fire in Lowell Machine shop foundry, loss $10,000.

The report also shows that on May 11, 1868, a disastrous fire started in Otis Allen's saw mill in Middlesex street, the loss being about $20,000. Before the fire alarm was given the fire had communicated to the saw mills and several other buildings in the vicinity. Logs floating down the canal set fire to several bridges and also to the car house of the Boston & Lowell railroad. The lumber on the opposite side of the canal caught fire, but was soon extinguished.

Chief Weare Clifford in making out his report in 1866 wrote: The department consists of 200 men, and about two-thirds have left during the year. This is owing to the small compensation which they received; and they being better compensated for their labor now, I think there will be no trouble in procuring good and efficient members.

On August 19, 1871, the fire alarm telegraph system was instituted and put into operation. The system did not work very well at first for Chief George Hobson in his report stated it was anticipated that the introduction of the telegraph would obviate to a considerable extent unnecessary alarms; thus far that anticipation has not been realized.

The first alarm to be rung in was box 34, located at the corner of Tanner and Lincoln streets, that same box being located at the same place at the present time. In fact the 32 boxes put up during the first year occupy the same positions and numbers today that they did at that time, only that more improved boxes have been introduced and are now in use.

Before the final report contained in the book heretofore mentioned horses were introduced to draw the different pieces of apparatus, and the speed of getting to fires was much facilitated. It also reduced the number of members in the different companies. The introduction of the fire alarm telegraph system also eliminated many of the false alarms.

By reading the foregoing story people can imagine how the department was conducted a half century ago, also what the department consisted of, the different fires, the manner in which they were reported and handled and many other crude manners of the department. It is certainly amusing as well as interesting to look back fifty years and compare the ancient apparatus and the methods used for extinguishing fires as compared with the modern methods and excellence of today.

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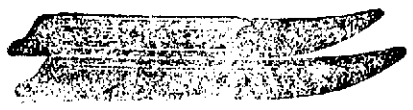

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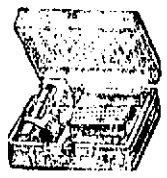

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FROZEN IN BED

Stephen O'Mara Died in the Hospital

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Stephen O'Meara, aged 35, of 32 Matthews street, Chelsea, was found unconscious in bed at his home yesterday morning, one side of his body being frozen. He died at the Frost hospital at 2 in the afternoon.

The police say that O'Meara didn't get home till late Saturday night, and when he retired he left the bedroom window open. Early in the morning he was found unconscious, and Dr. Mahoney was called in. Then it was discovered that one side of his body was frozen, and he was immediately taken to the hospital. It was also found that he was suffering from pneumonia.

AMESBURY SCARE

MANY CASES OF SCARLET FEVER IN AMESBURY.

AMESBURY, Dec. 19—An epidemic of scarlet fever has broken out in town and in consequence of 28 cases being reported, the board of health has decided to close the public schools not already closed for the holidays. Dr. Adams, chairman of the board of health, said this evening that the board was unable to state the source of the disease, but was making an investigation.

"It is true," he said, "that many of the cases are in families that take milk of one dealer. A personal investigation of the premises yesterday afternoon failed to disclose any contagion, but it was reported to me yesterday afternoon that there was a case of the fever developing in the driver's family yesterday."

At the first appearance of the disease it was confined to a triangle bounded by High, Market and Prospect streets, but yesterday new cases have developed in other sections of the town.

It is believed that besides the 28 cases that are fully developed there are enough suspected to bring the number up to 40.

The owner of the milk route denies that there has been any disease in his family previous to yesterday.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar.

STRUCK BY CAR

OCCUPANTS OF HACK IN PROVIDENCE WERE INJURED.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—A collision between a North Attleboro electric car, bound for Providence, and a hack, on its way to this city, occurred last evening on Pawtucket avenue. David Collins, his wife and two children were occupants of the hack, having been to a funeral in Providence. All were more or less injured and the driver of the hack, Simon Powers, sustained a broken right arm and a severe injury to his left side. The horses were thrown and hurt, while the hack was badly damaged.

Mrs. Collins received the most serious injuries and was taken to her home, 10 Dexter street. Her husband, was unconscious from an injury to his head, and his 8-year-old daughter, Mary, received two bad scalp wounds. The boy, who is about 10 years old, escaped with a few minor bruises.

The collision occurred owing to the hack driver's attempt to cut across in front of the car.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

NEW BOWLING LEAGUE

FORMED BY LOCAL COUNCILS OF ROYAL ARCANUM.

The Royal Arcanum councils of this city and of North Billerica have formed a bowling league, the following councils to be represented: Lowell, Highland, Industry, Centralville, Rochambeau and North Billerica. A tournament of 10 weeks is to be bowled, on the Bowlaway alleys, Hurd street. The schedule:

First week—Jan. 2, Industry vs. Centralville; Jan. 4, Lowell vs. Rochambeau; Jan. 6, Highland vs. No. Billerica.

Second week—Jan. 9, Lowell vs. Centralville; Jan. 11, Industry vs. No. Billerica; Jan. 13, Highland vs. Rochambeau.

Third week—Jan. 16, Lowell vs. No. Billerica; Jan. 18, Highland vs. Centralville; Jan. 20, Industry vs. Rochambeau.

Fourth week—Jan. 23, Centralville vs. Rochambeau; Jan. 25, Lowell vs. Highland; Jan. 27, Industry vs. No. Billerica.

Fifth week—Jan. 30, Industry vs. Lowell; Feb. 1, Centralville vs. Highland; Feb. 3, No. Billerica vs. Rochambeau.

Sixth week—Feb. 6, Industry vs. Centralville; Feb. 8, Highland vs. No. Billerica; Feb. 10, Lowell vs. Rochambeau.

Seventh week—Feb. 13, Industry vs. No. Billerica; Feb. 15, Lowell vs. Centralville; Feb. 17, Highland vs. Rochambeau.

Eighth week—Feb. 20, Lowell vs. No. Billerica; Feb. 22, Highland vs. Centralville; Feb. 24, Industry vs. Rochambeau.

Ninth week—Feb. 27, Centralville vs. Rochambeau; March 1, Lowell vs. Highland; March 3, Industry vs. No. Billerica.

Tenth week—March 13, Industry vs. Lowell; March 15, Centralville vs. Highland; March 17, No. Billerica vs. Rochambeau.

The following is the committee from the several councils:

Clarence E. Edwards, Lowell No. 8, president; John McKinley, Industry No. 1722, secretary; Felix D. Langevin, Highland No. 970; Herbert L. Bishop, Centralville No. 1723; Ed. Costello, No. Billerica No. 1323; Joseph Audette, Rochambeau No. 2064.

DENIS A. O'BRIEN

TO TAKE PART IN A PLAY AT BOSTON COLLEGE.

The annual Christmastide play under the auspices of the students of Boston college will be given tomorrow night at the college hall in James street, Boston. The drama to be presented will be "The Merchant of Venice." Many Lowell people will attend the performances owing mainly to the fact that Denis A. O'Brien, son of Denis O'Brien, the Bridge street druggist, will appear in the cast.

A Boston paper in speaking of the play has the following to say:

"Denis A. O'Brien, '08, of Lowell, will take the part of Bassino. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and prepared for college at the Lowell high school. He was graduated an honor man in his class, and was the valedictorian. He is identified with the St. Cecilia and Glee clubs."

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Earle Fowler, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Fowler, was united in marriage to Miss Blanche M. Conlam, at the home of the groom's father, 1780 Middlesex street, yesterday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Smith T. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist church. The wedding was very quiet on account of the illness in the family. Only relatives were present, and the bride and bridegroom were unattended. They went to Philadelphia today, in which city Mr. Fowler has a business position.

CONSIDINE—McCALLUM.

Patrick Considine and Miss Elizabeth C. McCallum, both of this city, were united in marriage Saturday evening by Rev. J. M. Craig at his residence, 3 Belmont street.

HORSE RAN AWAY.

Dr. E. E. Bell's horse figured in an exciting runaway in Green street Saturday and before he was captured did considerable damage. "Tommy" Burnage, of baseball fame, had driven Dr. Bell to the depot and was on his way to the doctor's residence when the animal started to run.

The horse made a dash down Green street and struck a pole throwing the driver to the street and leaving him behind. The animal was caught on the bridge on Church street.

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Best Legs Veal 10c lb.
Best Short Cut Legs Lamb 10c lb.
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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.
From Merrimack St.

5.43, 6.22, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 8.45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.46	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.28	7.40	6.30	7.26
6.39	7.30	7.54	8.54
6.49	7.53	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.37
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.34
7.48	8.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.56
8.57	9.40	1.00	1.37
9.33	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.00	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
1.44	2.50	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.59	5.38	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.54
4.28	5.30	6.14	7.20
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.08
6.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
6.12	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.29	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.

From Middlesex St. To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.55	7.30	8.51
8.00	8.34	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.33	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.05
12.05	1.20	2.15	3.26
12.50	2.00	3.30	4.30
2.30	3.33	4.50	5.49
3.10	4.05	6.00	7.02
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
5.08	6.46	9.40	10.35
6.25	7.10	*11.15	12.13
7.00	8.00		
8.30	10.28		

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.25	8.05	9.1
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.55	4.50	6.05	6.25
5.32	6.53		
8.03	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.29	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.24	8.10		
8.48	9.49	11.30	12.07
9.20	10.15	1.00	1.37
2.25	3.27	5.00	5.59
5.29	6.50	7.30	8.08
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.08
		9.00	10.02

LOCAL NEWS

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SET UP A NOVEL DEFENCE IN INSURANCE CASE.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 19.—Counsel for the national council, Knights of Columbus, have made an unexperted move as defendants in the suit brought against the order by the heirs of the late Hon. Patrick Coughlin of this city, claiming that it has refused to pay them $1000, the death benefit of the deceased.

It was thought that the defence would be that Mr. Coughlin was a Free Mason, and therefore not in good standing in the order. Instead, the defence is that he ceased to be a member in August, 1903, because he did not pay his monthly assessment within 30 days of the time it was due, although he paid up later.

Members of the order in this state are greatly interested in the matter because there are very many who have at some time exceeded the time limit of 30 days in paying their dues.

Christmas Gifts

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SAVED FROM DEATH

Heroic Rescue of 156 Children by Nuns

Fire in St. Vincent De Paul Asylum in Providence—Little Tots Carried in Arms From Burning Building

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 19.—The infant asylum of the St. Vincent de Paul society on Regent avenue took fire yesterday and was damaged to the extent of $20,000.

In the building at the time were 156 children, many of them helpless babes in arms, and none more than six years of age.

By the perfect bravery and coolness of the sisters and firemen, aided by the police and volunteer life-savers, every one of the children was taken out of the building safely. Several of the rescuers were burned, those most severely being Sisters Luitgard, Mary Paul and Zacharia, and Watchman John H. Henderson. Twelve of the children were taken to the Rhode Island hospital, where the doctors said they were sick chiefly from the smoke and fright and exposure.

The fire started about midday in the kitchen from unknown causes and rapidly communicated with the upper stories of the building, through a dumb waiter shaft, which extended to the roof. It was discovered by one of the nuns, who noticed smoke pouring from the shaft, and shortly afterward broke out into the third story, where a large number of children were lying ill abed.

Because of the peculiar construction of the building, which has a number of wings, the fire could not spread far beyond the portion first affected, and did not burn the entire structure. The water damage, however, is considerable. The asylum was valued at about $50,000, with about $30,000 insurance.

The sister superior, Mother Mary, formerly of Boston, was quick to realize the situation when the fire started, and she promptly took command, leading the rescuers. From the dormitories on the upper floors the babies and little ones, too small to toddle, were carried, the sisters and others making many trips. Men, women and children from all the neighborhood rushed to the asylum to aid.

All about the spacious grounds of the asylum there was a considerable depth of snow and the storm of the night had made the paths and the roads almost impassable. This blockade caused delay in getting the fire apparatus on the scene, and when a hydrant was finally reached and water was turned on, there was a lack of pressure and the stream was so feeble that it failed to reach to the second story of the burning asylum.

As the day advanced the snow ceased and the sun came out with an unusual warmth for this season of the year, a blessing for the infants and small children without shelter.

From all parts of the city carriages were sent. Hacks carried many, and sleighs and big vans were filled with the homeless children and the sisters. To South Providence, several miles away, the greater portion of the little ones were conveyed, to the St. Aloysius orphan asylum on Prairie avenue.

The poor department was called upon to house and care for 28 others, the charitable institution being overcrowded and unable to care for all the infants. Still others were taken to a new home on Eaton street.

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New Xmas goods, Oriental Bazaar.

GEORGE GARDNER

REPORT FROM BUTTE SAYS HE IS NOT ILL.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 19.—All day and night telegrams have been coming to newspapers here and the friends of George Gardner, saying he was reported seriously ill.

Inquiry at his brother's saloon at 10.30 last night elicited information that George Gardner had started home 15 minutes before, in splendid health.

About a week ago he took a heavy cold. For a time it was thought he would have pneumonia. He got over it, however, and was in his brother Jimmie's corner when the latter whipped Jack O'Keefe Thursday night.

Relative to the above dispatch Michael Cushing of the Belvidere hotel said to a reporter of The Sun today: "I think that George is ill despite the report to the contrary. I received the telegram from him as stated in The Sun Saturday in which he asked me to go on to Butte, as he was suffering from pneumonia. His parents also were notified of his illness and I cannot understand why George or any of his friends should send such news unless there was some foundation for it.

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THE SNOW STORM

First Sleighing This Season Yesterday

The first heavy snow storm of the present winter was ushered into Lowell shortly after midnight yesterday morning. While the flakes were large and the wind was high the local street railroad did not experience any difficulty in running their cars on time owing to the fact that the snow plows were put out on different routes as soon as the storm started. A few of the trains running into Lowell were a little late, but no serious difficulty was encountered. Owing to the dryness of the snow the local telephone and telegraph wires escaped damage. The skating which was very good prior to the storm was spoiled, but the sleighing at the present time is very good and many people made the most of the fine condition of the roads yesterday and enjoyed a spin out through the country.

It was shortly after midnight yesterday morning when the first flakes of snow fell, and by one o'clock the storm looked as though it was going to be a big one. The wind became stronger and this meant trouble for the local street railway. Eleven of the big plows, however, were sent over the different routes keeping the rails cleared. The plows continued to traverse the different routes throughout the city and suburbs until eight o'clock yesterday morning when the seven "nose" plows were taken off and the four "sheer" plows kept up the work until noon. All of the lines were running on time, and as the wind died down the running of the cars was made easier.

Last night at eight o'clock two of the big Boston plows were sent out from the car barn and from that time until midnight they sanded the rails and levelled down the snow.

The two storm fences on the Chelmsford Centre line, one of which is in Chelmsford street just above the city line and the other at Golden Cove kept the rails in these exposed spots cleared and the storm fences between here and Lawrence also did good work. The local road experienced much difficulty last winter on the Chelmsford Centre line by the snow blowing on to the rails in exposed places, but the introduction of the storm fence will without doubt do away with this nuisance.

This morning several fences were sent down to Georgetown, near Haverhill, where there are several barren spots.

About ten o'clock the storm ceased and the streets and roads in the suburbs were in fine condition for sleighing. Those who owned sleighs had them out while the livery stables in this city did a good business. If the cold snap continues the sleighing will be good for quite a while and the present snow will make a good foundation for the next storm.

FIRE ON LYON STREET.

An alarm from box 51 at 7.24 o'clock Saturday night summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in the attic of a house owned and occupied by John Box in Lyon street. The fire started in a corner of the attic near a window and was undoubtedly caused by children paiying with matches.

The fire had got a good headway before it was discovered and before it was extinguished the rafters were badly scorched.

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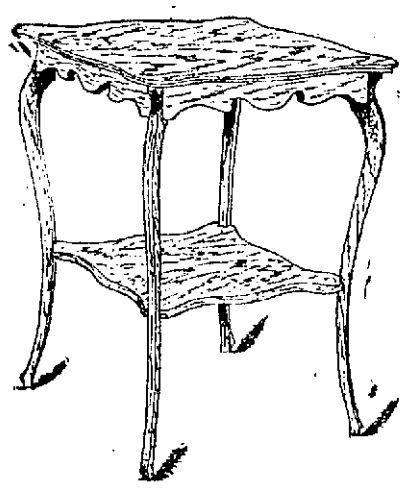

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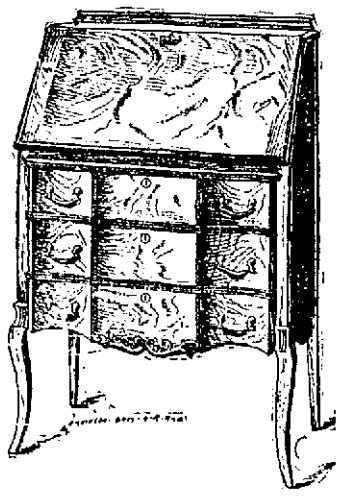

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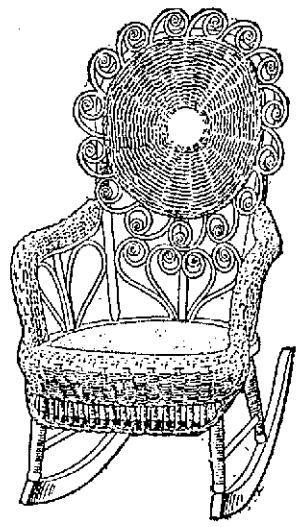

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